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Muhammad Grills His Protege

In testy exchanges, elder sniper questions Malvo's sanity

ROCKVILLE, MD. | John Allen Muhammad hammered at the credibility of his one-time sniper protege Wednesday, aggressively questioning Lee Boyd Malvo about his mental health, his memory and suggesting Muhammad's strong influence over Malvo may have actually helped the younger man.

Trying to counter damaging testimony from Malvo Tuesday that Muhammad sought to spread terror in the Washington region, Muhammad spent more than four hours on

his often testy cross-examination.

Muhammad, who is defending himself for six 2002 sniper shootings in Maryland, didn't challenge some of the wild schemes that Malvo described Tuesday. Malvo testified Muhammad wanted to shoot six people per day for a month, then use explosives to kill children. Malvo said Muhammad wanted to establish a community in Canada where homeless children would be trained to attack people in cities to disrupt commerce.



Malvo

Instead of challenging those accounts, Muhammad probed Malvo about minor details of some crime scenes, trying to show Malvo's memory was flawed.

Malvo demonstrated some independence from his former mentor. When Muhammad referred to him once as "son," Malvo shot back, "I would prefer you address me by my name." Muhammad apologized. **STEPHEN MANNING (AP)**

Counterfeit Bills Put Experts to the Test



BIG BEN: Workers at Matsumura Technology Co. compare blown-up sections of counterfeit \$100 bills with a sample legitimate bill enlarged 400 times at their office in Tokyo on Wednesday. The workers were trying to identify a sophisticated fake, named "Super Z," believed to be flowing from North Korea.

FAST FOOD | Run for the Border A Taco Bell in Westlake, Ohio, has been the target of three food-theft incidents in the past few months, involving a man who intercepts the food hand-off in the drive-through lane, WEWS-TV reported. The man, who wears a



Cleveland Browns jersey, hides and then runs between the drive-through window and the car receiving the food as it is being handed over, police said. He then grabs it and runs back into hiding. **(EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2**

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EVIL

You're Parked in an I-Feel-Like-Ticketing-You Zone



A New York traffic agent has been charged with writing dozens of fraudulent parking tickets — sometimes while sitting in her car miles away from the bogus violations she cited, prosecutors said Tuesday. Nivea Cloud was accused of writing 27 tickets in three hours in seven locations on May 12, inventing infractions just one to four minutes apart in the same place, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said. She was seen sitting in her police car, parked in a handicapped spot, more than a mile away from where the vehicles cited on her tickets supposedly were illegally parked, Brown said. "The defendant's alleged conduct is outrageous," Brown said. (AP)

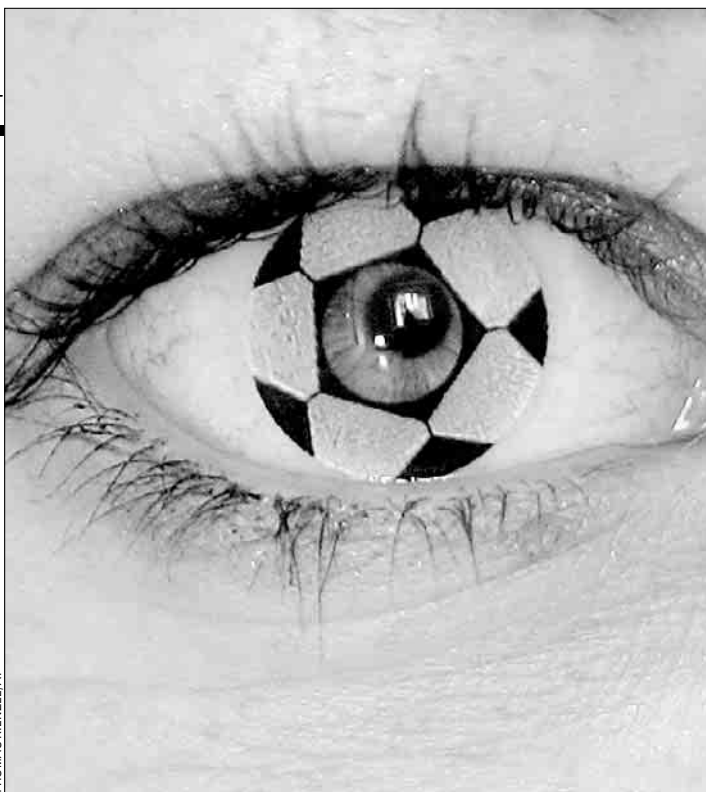
FAMILY VALUES

Vote for Me, Deadbeat Dad!

A St. Louis committeeman running for state representative, and whose campaign ads call him a "devoted father," is more than \$7,000 behind in child-support payments, KSDK-TV report-

ed. Talibdin El-Amin's campaign signs mention his fatherhood — except the two children he owes child support on. Those are the children he had with Antonnia Washington, who said she's struggled to get the payments from him in the past and is angry that he took out a loan for political campaigns but not to pay her. (AP)

THOMAS KENZLE/AP



FANDOM

Eye Ball

When it comes to World Cup fever, the eyes have it — provided you have this contact lens printed with a soccer-ball pattern. Optician Christine Hettrich of Conta Optic GmbH shows hers off at the company's office in Ludwigsburg, Germany on Wednesday. The special offer for the upcoming 2006 Soccer World Cup contains one soccer-ball lens, one lens in the German national colors and a maintenance accessory. This way, you'll always keep your eye on the ball. (EXPRESS)

LEARNING

Wait, 'Fire Control Week' Is NEXT Week

No citations will be issued to a Colorado Springs, Colo., middle school after a

science class ignited a 10-acre grass fire that forced the evacuation of the school. The blaze broke out at Ute Valley Park on Tuesday after the Eagle View Middle School class fired a rocket as part of "Aerospace Week," sparking

a fire that covered one to two acres by the time firefighters arrived. Students were evacuated to Woodmen Valley Chapel as at least 10 crews fought the flames, which crept within 30 feet of the school building. (AP)



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The amount, in thousands, of hospital trips from accidental overdoses and side effects caused by attention deficit drugs, the Centers for Disease Control reports. They found most could be prevented by parents locking up the drugs.

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In Brief



Siraj, right, and an alleged accomplice are shown in this surveillance photo.

NEW YORK
Pakistani Immigrant Found Guilty in Subway Bomb Plot

A high school dropout who drew the attention of undercover police with his anti-American rants after Sept. 11 was convicted Wednesday of plotting to blow up a Manhattan subway station in retaliation for the Abu Ghraib prison scandal. A federal jury convicted Shahawar Matin Siraj, 23, of conspiracy and other charges. He faces up to life in prison. (AP)

NEW YORK
ACLU Seeks Phone Company Probe Over Domestic Spying

A civil rights group filed complaints with utility commissions and attorneys general in 20 states Wednesday, demanding that authorities probe whether phone companies broke laws by sharing customer records with the government's biggest spy agency. The American Civil Liberties Union is demanding the Federal Communications Commission investigate. (AP)

Immigration Bill Advances in Senate

Final passage would open rift with House over criminal charges

WASHINGTON | The Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to limit debate on election-year immigration legislation, clearing the way for final passage later this week of a bill that calls for tougher border security as well as an eventual chance at citizenship for millions of men and women in the country illegally.

The vote to advance the mea-

sure was 73-25, 13 more than the 60 needed.

Despite the controversy surrounding the bill, the outcome was not a surprise. Even some of the bill's opponents said they were satisfied they had been given ample opportunity over past week to try and give the bill a more conservative cast.

Final passage would set the stage for a difficult negotiation with the House, which passed legislation last year that exposes all illegal immigrants to criminal felony charges.

President Bush has repeatedly urged Congress to approve an immigration bill that generally follows the approach taken by the Senate, and some senators expressed optimism that a deal could be reached.

"The politics of solving this problem is better than the politics of doing nothing," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

"Does someone have a better approach? Not yet. But we're still open for business," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

House-Senate Rift

→ Measures that eased Senate approval could jeopardize negotiations with the House, where conservatives are bent on first securing the border. | **Today, A Section**

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In the Senate, the final maneuvering was evident as 41 Democrats, 31 Republicans and one independent voted to bring debate to a close. In all, 23 Republicans and two Democrats voted against.

SUZANNE GAMBOA (AP)

MICHIGAN | TOWN 'DIGS' SEARCH FOR HOFFA



CASHING IN: Laura Hosbach, left, prepares an order at The Milford Baking Co. in Milford, Mich., Wednesday. The bakery, located near FBI's search for Jimmy Hoffa, is selling 95-cent 'Hoffa cupcakes' in his honor.

Bush Backs Vet Chief On Data Theft Scandal

Congress seeks answers over disappearance of 26.5M personal files

WASHINGTON | VA Secretary Jim Nicholson got an endorsement Wednesday from President Bush after the theft of veterans' personal information that has become one of the nation's largest security breaches.

Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill are asking that Nicholson explain how his department handled the theft of sensitive personal data on 26.5 million veterans. They have called the Veterans Affairs secretary to appear in two

emergency hearings Thursday in the House and Senate.

White House press secretary Tony Snow said Bush had "full faith and confidence" in Nicholson.

Sen. Patrick Leahy said Bush should call Nicholson "into the woodshed" and consider changing the leadership of the VA, particularly after the agency waited until May 22 to inform the public after the May 3 theft.

"Instead of promptly notifying millions of veterans that their personal data was irresponsibly handled and then stolen, VA officials held their breath and crossed their fingers for nearly three weeks," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. (AP)



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Jefferson Won't Quit Post

House leaders demand return of files seized during FBI office raid

WASHINGTON | In rare, election-year harmony, House Republican and Democratic leaders jointly demanded on Wednesday that the FBI return documents taken in a Capitol Hill raid that has quickly grown into a constitutional turf fight beyond party politics.

"The Justice Department must immediately return the papers it unconstitutionally seized," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said in a statement.

After that, they said, Democratic Rep. William Jefferson of Louisiana must cooperate with the Justice



Rep. William Jefferson addresses the media on Capitol Hill on Monday.

Department's bribery investigation against him.

The developments capped a day of escalating charges, demands and behind-the-scenes talks between House leaders and the Justice Department that ended with no resolution, according to officials

of both parties.

Constitutional confrontation aside, Pelosi said Jefferson should resign from the powerful Ways and Means committee. He refused.

"In the interest of upholding the high ethical standard of the House Democratic Caucus, I am writing to request your immediate resignation from the Ways and Means Committee," Democratic leader Pelosi wrote him.

"With respect, I decline to do so," he wrote back, leaving it to the House to try to pressure him out of the seat or strip him of the post by majority vote.

"I will not give up a committee assignment that is so vital to New Orleans at this crucial time for any uncertain, long-term political strategy," he added. LAURIE KELLMAN (AP)

UTAH | PROTESTS GREET VICENTE FOX



LOUD AND CLEAR: Utah Minutemen Laurie Lisonbee, left, and Tyler Smith protest on the Utah state Capitol grounds as Mexican President Vicente Fox makes his way to address the state legislature in Salt Lake City Wednesday.

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World



SCALE TALE: Japanese researchers have confirmed what many have long believed — that Japan's traditional fish-based, low-fat diet is much healthier than the average American menu. Typical meals were freeze dried and given to mice for three weeks.

Bird Flu Cluster Raises Questions

Indonesian family likely passed virus to each other, experts say

GENEVA | A family of eight infected with bird flu in Indonesia likely passed the disease among themselves, but world health officials said Wednesday there is no reason to raise its pandemic alert level.

It is the fourth — and largest — family cluster of bird flu cases likely transmitted from person to person since the start of the outbreak in Hong Kong in 2003, World Health Organization spokesman Gregory Hartl said.

WHO has suspected that in rare cases bird flu may have passed from one person to another, although people usually catch it from chickens and other poultry.

Experts have long believed the virus is spread when people breathe it in — possibly in dust from bird



An agricultural official vaccinates a chicken in Indonesia on Wednesday.

droppings or in droplets sneezed or coughed by humans into the air.

But it remains unclear exactly how the virus spreads in family groups — whether through respiratory systems, food or infected surfaces, Hartl said.

WHO will leave its pandemic alert level unchanged at 3, meaning there is “no or very limited human-to-human transmission.”

Six of the seven family members who caught bird flu have died, the most recent on Monday. (AP)

TURKEY | HUGE FIRE ROARS THROUGH ISTANBUL AIRPORT



HOT SPOT: A Turkish police officer stands guard as a plane drops firefighting materials on the cargo section of Istanbul's Ataturk International Airport on Wednesday. A hard-line Kurdish group, the Kurdistan Freedom Falcons Organization, claimed responsibility for the huge blaze although officials had earlier ruled out sabotage as a possible cause of the fire.

UK Police Arrest 10 in Terror Sweep

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND | Police on Wednesday arrested 10 people in a sweep targeting support for terrorism outside Britain, Greater

Manchester Police said.

About 500 officers were involved in the operation, and searches were continuing at several locations,

police officials said.

Police would not comment on a report by Press Association, the British news agency, that said the arrests were related to terrorism in Iraq. (AP)

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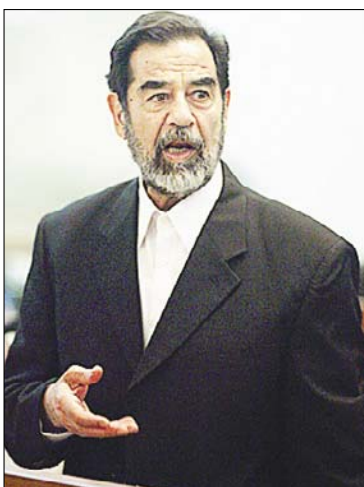
Tariq Aziz Takes Stand for Saddam

Former Iraqi foreign minister staunchly defends ex-boss at trial

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A pajama-clad Tariq Aziz, once the most prominent public face of Saddam Hussein's regime, defended his former boss in court Wednesday and said Iraq's current Shiite leaders should be on trial for attempts to kill him and Saddam in the 1980s.

The 70-year-old Aziz, a former foreign minister and deputy prime minister, appeared thin and pale in his checkered pajamas and wore what looked like a hospital bracelet on his right wrist. His family has said he suffers from heart trouble.

Aziz, appearing in public for the first time since turning himself in



FAMILIAR FACES: Ex-Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, left, sparred again with the judge Wednesday while a pajama-clad Tariq Aziz testified in Saddam's defense.

to the Americans during the 2003 U.S. led-invasion, is the best-known Saddam-era figure to take the stand in the seven-month-old trial.

Aziz insisted Saddam had no choice but to crack down in the Shiite town of Dujail after a July 8, 1982, shooting attack on his motor-

cade there, blamed on the Shiite Dawa Party backed by Iran.

"It was an assassination attempt against the president, and this party also tried to assassinate me in 1980," Aziz said. "If the head of state comes under attack, the state is required by law to take action. If the suspects are caught with weapons, it's only natural they should be arrested and put on trial."

In Baghdad, Iraqis crowded around television sets in coffee shops and other public places to watch the testimony.

Doctoral student Omar al-Jabouri, 35, looked sadly on Aziz's poor state.

"We used to see Mr. Aziz looking very handsome, but today we see him in pajamas, which means they don't take care for the humanitarian side," he said. SINAN SALAHEDDIN (AP)

In Brief

LONDON

'Good Progress' in Talks Over Iran's Nuke Program

Six world powers made "good progress" Wednesday in efforts to find common ground on how to reward Iran if it gives up uranium enrichment — or punishing it if it doesn't, a senior British official said. The language suggested movement toward agreement on U.N. Security Council action if Tehran remains defiant. John Sawyer, the British Foreign representative at the talks, praised the "constructive and valuable discussions." (AP)



Tamil women in Kannankudha, Sri Lanka, mourn the death of a rebel leader.

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Mine Blasts Kill 3 After Tamils Reject Direct Talks

Two mine blasts in northern Sri Lanka killed three government forces and injured a policeman Wednesday, after the separatist Tamil Tiger rebels ruled out direct talks with the president to prevent a return to full-scale civil war. The blasts came a day after the Tamil Tigers, or Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, rejected Buddhist and Catholic priests' pleas to hold direct talks with Sri Lanka's president in a bid to avoid the return of all-out civil war. (AP)

CARACAS, VENEZUELA

Chavez May Revisit Term Limits Over Vote Boycott

President Hugo Chavez said that if opposition parties boycott December's presidential elections, he would call a referendum on ending term limits — a move that could allow him to serve past 2012. A constitution passed in 2000, two years into Chavez's government, allows a president to be re-elected only once in immediate succession. (AP)

Congo Arrests 32 Foreigners for Alleged Coup Plot

KINSHASA, CONGO | Congo arrested a group of foreign security guards, including three Americans, on suspicion of plotting a coup ahead of national elections, a government official said Wednesday.

But a United Nations official cast doubt on the claim and said the U.N. was confident the country would remain calm for the country's long-delayed vote, now set for July 30.

The suspects arrested Tuesday were former soldiers who worked for a Congolese security company, Interior Minister Theophile Mbemba said. He said the men were arrested with military gear, but did not provide further details about the type of weapons they had.

They "were working in Kinshasa as security guards but it is clear that they were military personnel with political plans," Mbemba said.

He said there were three Americans, 10 Nigerians and 12 South Africans among the group of 32 taken into custody. Mbemba said all the men had received visits from their respective ambassadors. (AP)

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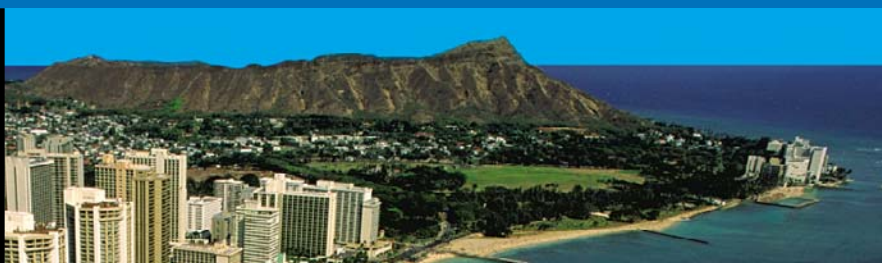
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Money

New Home Sales Increase in April

WASHINGTON | Sales of new homes rose unexpectedly in April to the fastest pace this year as the U.S. housing sector showed resilience in the face of rising mortgage rates. But the price of homes sold last month edged up only slightly and the level of unsold homes rose to a record high.

The Commerce Department reported that sales of new single-family homes increased by 4.9 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.198 million units, the highest rate since last December.

The pace of activity caught economists by surprise. They had been expecting a decline in sales, reflecting the fact that mortgage rates have

been climbing in recent weeks.

The unexpected jump in April home sales was not likely to change the overall view that the booming housing industry is beginning to cool off after setting sales records for five straight years.

The median price of a new home sold in April rose to \$238,500, a gain of 2.8 percent from the March level but up just 0.9 percent from the median sales price in April 2005, far below the price gains that sellers had been enjoying during the recent sales boom.

The backlog of unsold homes rose by 2.4 percent to a new record of 565,000 homes on the market at the end of April.

MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
PaylShoe	24.65	+3.77	+18.1
EnerSys	14.35	+1.61	+12.6
AlliancOne	4.44	+.36	+8.8
GnMotr	26.51	+2.03	+8.3
EnzoBio	9.98	+.68	+7.3

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Libbey	12.24	-1.51	-11.0
IndoTel	28.86	-3.10	-9.7
MidwGm	8.95	-.92	-9.3
MeridGld	29.14	-2.59	-8.2
IntcntlEx n	54.31	-4.63	-7.9

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Tripes	2.50	+.53	+26.9
Firstwv	2.06	+.40	+24.1
EdenBio rs	2.12	+.36	+20.5
SangBio	5.60	+.87	+18.3
Caringtn	4.52	+.58	+14.7

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Maxco	7.77	-1.56	-16.7
SupVsn	2.36	-.39	-14.3
QltyDistr	13.16	-1.98	-13.1
NstarNeu n	13.48	-2.02	-13.0
INTAC	7.10	-1.05	-12.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.00	8.00
Fed Funds close	5.00	5.00
3-month disc	4.71	4.70
2-year	4.94	4.95
10-year	5.04	5.15
30-year	5.13	5.27

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5343	.5307	.5472
Canadian Dollar	1.1199	1.1182	1.2606
European Euro	.7829	.7775	.7946
Japanese Yen	112.69	111.32	107.60
Mexican Peso	11.2997	11.1920	10.9690
Taiwanese Dollar	32.00	31.98	31.30

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+18.97	+10.41	+1.99
11117.32	2169.17	1258.57

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AustNZ	100.58	+1.12	+14.3
BcoSnCH	14.21	-.14	+7.7
BkofAm	48.48	+.25	+5.0
BkNova g	37.69	+.30	-4.9
Citigrp	48.66	+.13	+3
DeutscheBk	113.19	-.79	+16.8
JPMorgCh	42.15	-.02	+6.2
MitsuUFJ	13.37	-.37	-2.3
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Local

JHU to Develop NASA Probes to Study Radiation

LAUREL, MD. | Two NASA probes to study how the sun interacts with the Earth's radiation belt will be developed and operated by Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory, university officials announced Wednesday.

The probes, expected to be launched in 2012, will help study how solar energy affects the doughnut-shaped bands of charged particles trapped by Earth's magnet-

ic field that extend 20,000 miles around the planet.

Detailed design of the probes will begin this summer, after NASA selects the spacecraft's science instruments.

"For the first time, several spacecraft will simultaneously watch activity on the sun and the reaction to that activity within Earth's radiation belts," said Ken Potocki, APL's Living With a Star programs manager. "These probes will have to work in an incredibly difficult radiation environment where charging and discharging will occur, a lot like flying into an electrical storm." (AP)

1 The number, in millions of dollars, that Pepsi Foundation donated Wednesday to the effort to build a memorial to the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the National Mall. The fundraising total is now \$59 million; organizers say they need \$41 million more.



Alex Trabek, host of "Jeopardy!" was brought in to moderate the questioning of the National Geography Bee's ten finalists.

Cambrians Key to Bee Win

Illinois 12-year-old is champ after finishing fourth place last year

WASHINGTON | Could you locate the Cambrian Mountains on a map? Twelve-year-old Bonny Jain could and his knowledge made him the winner Wednesday of the 2006 National Geographic Bee.

The eighth-grader from Moline,

Ill., won a \$25,000 college scholarship by correctly naming the mountains that extend across much of Wales, from the Irish Sea to the Bristol Channel.

It was Bonny's second appearance at the national bee. Last year he came in fourth place.

His victory was the culmination of a four-year effort — the first time he entered the contest, he only got second place in his local school's

geography bee.

"It feels pretty cool to have gotten up to the top of the nation from second in the school," Bonny said after his win.

On stage, in banter with the bee's moderator, "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trabek, Bonny seemed confident, saying he only felt nervous during the final round after he missed a question about the Andaman islands — his only wrong answer. (AP)

D.C. Is Graded 'B' for School Bus Pollution

Newer fleets helps District score higher in report on emissions

WASHINGTON | A new research report suggests that tens of thousands of school buses are exposing students to excessive pollution, contributing to asthma problems and other respiratory ailments.

The Union of Concerned Scientists released its report today, showing that most states aren't doing enough to protect millions of students from pollution.

The group created a National School Bus Report Card that gives higher marks to the District of Columbia and states such as Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York based on the level of emissions from buses. No states received A's. But D.C. and 15 states got B's.

Delaware and the District outperformed the states based on emission rates — with just over nine pounds of pollution per bus in 2005. That's mainly due to their newer fleets.

The worst polluter was South Carolina. (AP)

Teacher Taken In Custody After Student Is Cut

OXON HILL, MD. | A high school teacher in Prince George's County has been arrested after, police said, he cut a student with a pair of scissors inside a school classroom.

Corporal Diane Richardson said witnesses told police that the student and the teacher were engaged in "horse play" when the teacher grabbed the scissors and cut the student on top of his wrist around 2:00 p.m. at Oxon Hill High School.

The 15-year-old freshman was taken to a local hospital where he received stitches. (AP)

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Local

Hospital Makes 'Endangered' List

Preservation League says St. Elizabeth's in Southeast is threatened

WASHINGTON | The west campus of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Southeast tops the list of the District's most endangered places, according to an annual report released Wednesday.

The list compiled by D.C. Preservation League puts the hospital on the list because of a lack of government funding and intensifying pressure to develop the site so that it can be used by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security. The League

also said that the site was in trouble because no plan had been developed to reuse the facility.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center, which will be closed in the wake of recommendations from the Base Realignment and Closure committee, is also on the list.

Three District public schools, Slater Elementary, Langston Elementary and Armstrong High School, are also on the list.

The Armed Forces Retirement Home, the McMillan Reservoir Filtration Site in Northwest, the Martin Luther King Jr. Library in Northwest and the D.C. World War I Memorial make up the rest of the list. (AP)

IN The Washington Post | BLUE ANGELS



PLANE TO SEE: The Blue Angels, a team of Navy precision-flight jets, perform a flight demonstration over the skies of Annapolis on Wednesday. The show prompted many to take a break and check it out. | Inside Metro

The Lotteries

Wednesday, May 24

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers **6-4-7**
Mid-day DC 4 **6-0-2-3**

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3 **3-2-0**
Mid-day Pick 4 **2-8-9-1**

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.) **2-9-0**
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.) **8-4-3**
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.) **7-1-0-0**
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.) **9-2-4-3**
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.) **7-8-14-15-17**
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.) **6-13-19-24-29**

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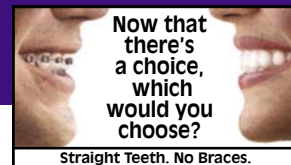
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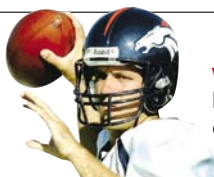
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Sports



WRITING OFF ROAD RAGE: QB Jake Plummer admitted he cut someone off while driving last month, but denied kicking and then backing up into another vehicle. Plummer said he cut off the vehicle because he was in a hurry to deliver a check to a charity from his foundation.



Lindsey Hunter, center, runs into Alonzo Mourning, right, and Gary Payton — two veterans who've had a big impact on defense.

Miami Vets Play Big Roles

Payton, Mourning are looking like champions on the defensive end

NBA PLAYOFFS | There's really only one reason why Gary Payton and Alonzo Mourning are still playing.

It's not stats; they have more than 35,000 points in 2,100-plus

games over 29 seasons. Not respect, since that was earned long ago by 16 All-Star nods and three defensive player of the year awards. And not money, given the combined \$230 million in salary they've commanded in their careers.

No, the lure is an NBA title. And in the playoffs, the Miami Heat's two eldest men have played big roles

— while edging closer to that elusive championship ring.

Neither has big scoring numbers, but their presence — particularly on the defensive end — has been crucial for the Heat, who'll try to take a 2-0 lead over Detroit when the Eastern Conference finals resume Thursday. "We've got seven more games to win," Mourning said. (AP)

Three Final Swats for Ruth, an Aging Sultan

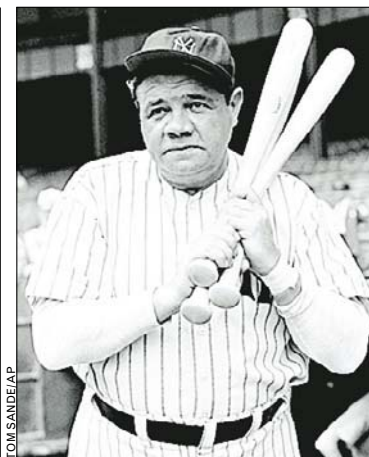
Weeks before retiring, the Babe hit 3 home runs 71 years ago today

BASEBALL | Babe Ruth was 40 years old, with a pot belly that couldn't be supported by his spindly legs and a fast-growing realization his career was over.

His batting average hovered nearly 200 points below his career average of .343, and the Boston Braves' pitchers were upset at his inability to run down even the easiest of fly balls. He couldn't run, couldn't field, couldn't hide in a sport that was 35 years away from having a designated hitter.

But the Babe still had something left in him exactly 71 years ago today, when he and the down-trodden Braves wrapped up a three-game series in Pittsburgh. Ruth still had the grandest home-run stroke the game has ever seen, and he powered not one, not two, but three homers that sunny Saturday afternoon — the last the Sultan would ever swat.

Fittingly for the man who almost single-handedly brought the home run into prominence and remains a



Sluggish Babe Ruth hit homers Nos. 712, 713 and 714 exactly 71 years ago today.

household name to this day, Ruth's last home run was something grand, something enduring.

No. 714 was the first to travel over the mammoth right-field roof at then 26-year-old Forbes Field, a feat only nine other men achieved before the ballpark closed in 1970. The prodigious drive was estimated at more than 500 feet.

It was a proper send-off for the Babe — a long, lasting goodbye of a home run. Ruth finally quit on June 2, 1935, and never played again. ALAN ROBINSON (AP)

8th-Seeded Oilers Close to Sweep

Underdogs all playoffs, Edmonton is a game away from the Finals

NHL PLAYOFFS | Teemu Selanne didn't even try to hide his frustration after the Anaheim Mighty Ducks' third straight loss in the Western Conference finals.

"It's absolutely embarrassing that we haven't won these games," Selanne said. "We have to fix a couple of things and not make as many mistakes."

The eighth-seeded Edmonton Oilers outlasted Anaheim 5-4 on Tuesday night after leading 4-0 early in the third period. They are now within a game of their first Stanley Cup finals appearance



Jason Smith forces Dustin Penner to the ice in Game 3. The Oilers lead 3-0.

since they won their last NHL title in 1990.

The Oilers, who eliminated top-seeded Detroit in the first round, have overcome fatigue and the flu to take the big lead in the series.

"It just shows the character in the locker room," Pronger said. "Guys are doing whatever it takes, playing hurt, sick, whatever the case may be. We've got a chance to close them out Thursday, but I'm sure they're going to have a lot to say about it."

The Oilers are 6-1 at home this postseason, while the Mighty Ducks have lost 13 consecutive games in Edmonton since Feb. 24, 1999.

"It seems that they are so opportunistic," Anaheim's Joffrey Lupul said. "Every time they get a chance, they are scoring." (AP)

Chesson Brings Brash Style to Indy

AUTO RACING | Four months ago, P.J. Chesson was stringing bait on a Miami fishing boat when he reeled in his prize catch — a full-time ride in the Indy Racing League.

Now the brash 27-year-old rookie with a body full of tattoos and is savoring every minute of his new-found fame. The most unlikely, and certainly most ostentatious, starter in this year's Indianapolis 500 field has embraced the fans as much as they have embraced his fun-loving personality.

"I never gave up hope, and that's the only reason I'm here," Chesson

said. "I never knew how bad I wanted to do this until then."

To most drivers in Indianapolis, the Borg-Warner Trophy and a bottle of milk would be the big prizes. Chesson has a different idea.

Regardless of what happens Sunday, Chesson already considers this the best month of his life. He rode in an F-16 fighter jet even instructing the pilot to buzz the towers at the 2.5-mile oval. He qualified 20th for Sunday's race and added a new tattoo on his left shoulder. And he's gone public about his off-track romances. MICHAEL MAROT (AP)



WHO KNEW? In a show of solidarity with the Duke men's lacrosse team, whose season was cancelled in March because of rape allegations, members of the school's women's team plan to wear sweatbands with the word "Innocent" written on them during their NCAA semifinal game against Northwestern on Friday, the Herald-Sun of Durham reported.



IN CONDI'S FOOTSTEPS: Florida Gov. Jeb Bush said he was privately approached about his interest in becoming the NFL's next commissioner. Bush said Tuesday the issue was discussed at a recent meeting with Patrick Rooney Sr., according to the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

Sports



“Off the Field

NATIONALS INFILDER RYAN ZIMMERMAN

Q&A | The Nationals said all along that Ryan Zimmerman's glove would make headlines long before his bat. But the third baseman's been gaining momentum at the plate recently. Zimmerman was 10 for 28 at the plate last week and has become a highlight-show fixture with some dazzling plays at third.

You've added some bulk from last season. How important was that to boost your power numbers?
I get bigger every offseason. The way the game is nowadays you have to or else you'll get passed by. I just work out. You work out four or five times a week, you're going to get bigger no matter what you eat.

Several people have talked about how poised you are for being 21 years old and having big things expected from you. Where does that come from?
It's just the way I've been brought



Third baseman Ryan Zimmerman has been turning heads with his glove and his bat.

up. If you work in an office you're expected to make deadlines. You can't be an impact person in life if you don't have expectations. ... Everyone wants to be the best at something. Everyone has that drive in life. Our [occupation] is just talked about a little more.

RFK Stadium is a huge park. How do you approach hitting in a park that large?
This ballpark will work out. It's got a lot of gaps and you hit a lot of doubles. You've got to take the good and the bad. ... If you hit line drives, you can hit in any park.

“I get bigger every offseason. ... You have to or else you'll get passed by.”

What do you do during your down time?

During the season there is no away from baseball. After the season you just try to relax. Play golf. Baseball's pretty much year-round now. ... [This is] a nice city to have some fun in sometimes, but when you play so many games, you've got to pick your spots.

What is it with baseball players and golf?

The ball's sitting still, so it's a little easier to hit. It's just fun because it's relaxing. It's still hitting. But the best golfers are probably pitchers, so you should talk to them.

Because they have more free time?
Yeah. And the hitting swing messes up your golf swing. You can't really mix the two that much.

ERIC BRANDNER

Nationals Minor Leaguer Out 50 Days for Drugs

NATIONALS | MLB Suspended Washington Nationals minor league player Greg Thissen for 50 games for a violation of the minor league drug prevention and treatment program.

Washington Nationals minor league infielder Greg Thissen was suspended Wednesday for 50 games for testing positive for drugs.

Thissen is hitting .224 with no home runs and five RBIs in 22 games with the Triple-A New Orleans Zephyrs of the Pacific Coast League. He also appeared in six games with the Single-A Potomac Nationals earlier this season.

The suspension took effect immediately. (AP)

Tracking Their Progress

→ The Georgetown track and field program has 17 athletes and two relay teams among the nation's top 100. But one thing it doesn't have is a track of its own. | **Today in Sports**

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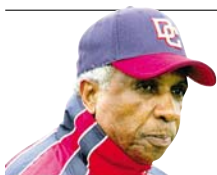
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"I can't remember myself being at third base. That's too close." —Nationals manager
Frank Robinson, who played third base 11 games in 1958.

Sports

Nationals Do the Shuffle

Robinson trying to find perfect combo at the top of the order

NATS NOTEBOOK | There's not a lot more tinkering Nationals manager Frank Robinson can do with the lineup. Nearly two months into the season, Robinson has penciled in five different players in the No. 2 hole, five in the third spot and six different guys at clean-up.

"I'm trying to find some type of combination that will work at the top of the lineup," Robinson said before Tuesday's win.

The skipper has used shortstop Royce Clayton in the No. 2 hole of late because of his ability to bunt and hit-and-run. That frees up Jose Vidro — the only constant in the lineup this season with his National League-best .350 average through Tuesday — to swing away in the third spot.

Right fielder Jose Guillen returned to the lineup Tuesday after a missing five games with a right hamstring strain. Robinson immediately plugged Guillen back into the heart of the order, but the slugger (batting .215 through Tuesday) is still looking for his form.

"Hopefully, I can put it together this time and start doing what I was doing last year," Guillen said.

"IT'S BEEN UP AND DOWN": In one statement, Wiki Gonzalez may have surmised his past and future



Royce Clayton's proven ability to bunt cements him in the top of the batting order.

tenure with the Nationals.

Gonzalez started the season in the Majors, but was axed from the 40-man roster and sent to Triple-A New Orleans on April 27. In need of a good defensive catcher after Brian Schneider strained his left hamstring, Gonzalez was brought back up on May 14.

But with Schneider slated to return Friday, Gonzalez may be headed back to the Bayou. His throwing error and a passed ball in Monday's 10-3 loss didn't help.

"I think he gets a little relaxed back there behind the plate, reaches

for balls that he shouldn't reach for," Robinson said. "He should be shifting more. When the ball's down, he comes up instead of going down to block them."

ABIT OF RELIEF: Jon Rausch is quietly having a career season. The 6-foot-11 right-hander had allowed just five runs in 24 appearances through Tuesday's action. Meanwhile, fellow reliever Gary Majewski seems to have rebounded from early-season struggles. He's given up just one earned run in 10 May appearances.

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TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (1 P.M. ON MASN) The last game of a four-game series with the Astros pits southpaw Andy Pettitte against Tony Armas.

ORIOLES (4:30 ON MASN) It's an afternoon game in Seattle, and Rodrigo Lopez is pitching for Baltimore.

NBA PLAYOFFS (8 P.M. ON ESPN) The Heat stole Game 1 in Detroit. Now they go for two in a row against the Pistons.

NHL PLAYOFFS (8 P.M. ON OLN) Edmonton can complete the sweep of Anaheim and head to the Stanley Cup Finals.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) It's an AL East showdown — sort of. Tampa Bay takes on Boston.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	26	17	.605	—	12-7	14-10
N.Y. Yankees	25	19	.568	1.5	14-8	11-11
Toronto	25	20	.556	2	15-8	10-12
Baltimore	21	25	.457	6.5	14-12	7-13
Tampa Bay	20	26	.435	7.5	12-11	8-15

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Detroit	31	14	.689	—	13-7	18-7
Chicago	30	15	.667	1	18-6	12-9
Cleveland	22	23	.489	9	13-10	9-13
Minnesota	20	25	.444	11	13-8	7-17
Kansas City	10	33	.233	20	8-13	2-20

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Texas	23	22	.511	—	10-13	13-9
Oakland	22	23	.489	1	11-12	11-11
Seattle	21	26	.447	3	13-14	8-12
L.A. Angels	18	28	.391	5.5	8-12	10-16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
N.Y. Mets	27	17	.614	—	15-7	12-10
Philadelphia	23	21	.523	4	13-13	10-8
Atlanta	23	23	.500	5	12-6	11-17
Washington	17	29	.370	11	6-12	11-17
Florida	13	31	.295	14	5-14	8-17

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
St. Louis	30	16	.652	—	18-7	12-9
Cincinnati	27	19	.587	3	14-8	13-11
Houston	25	21	.543	5	18-9	7-12
Milwaukee	23	23	.500	7	17-9	6-14
Chicago	18	27	.400	11.5	10-10	8-17
Pittsburgh	14	32	.304	16	10-11	4-21

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Arizona	26	19	.578	—	16-9	10-10
L.A. Dodgers	26	20	.565	0.5	15-10	11-10
Colorado	25	21	.543	1.5	13-10	12-11
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Television



NO WHAMMIE: Ricki Lake is hosting CBS's new "Gameshow Marathon," where celebrity contestants compete in a tournament in which they play different classic game shows, including "The Price Is Right" and "Press Your Luck." (AP)

A School House Under Siege

Showtime documents the deadly three-day standoff at Beslan

DOCUMENTARY | Julia Roberts narrates "Three Days in September" (8:30 p.m., Showtime). Using home movies, news footage and interviews with survivors, "Three Days" recalls the Sept. 1, 2004, siege of a public school in Beslan, Russia.

Chechen terrorists took control of the building on the very first day of school on a holiday in Russia known as the "Day of Knowledge." Children dressed in their finest clothes and clutching



RUSSIAN TRAGEDY: Julia Roberts lends her voice to "Three Days in September."

flowers and balloons were among the first and youngest victims of the horror. Nearly 1,200 teachers, parents and children were taken hostage. The siege ended three days later with a bloody gun battle. In the end, 331 hostages died, including 176 children.

Beslan has come to be known as Russia's Sept. 11. This is not the first film to document this dreadful day. HBO's "Children of Beslan" aired last September. But, like the bravery of passengers on United Flight 93, which has already inspired three feature-length films, this story bears repeating. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

HOOF AND MOUTH

"SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE" (8 p.m., Fox) searches for talented hoofers all over the country and asks them to salsa, jive, waltz and hip-hop their way across the floor. U.K. celebrity Cat Deeley calls the shots on this summer's "Dance."

RISING FROM RIO

"FAVELA RISING" (7 p.m., Cinemax) chronicles the efforts of a native son of one of Rio de Janeiro's most squalid and violent slums to bring a better life to the children of his neighborhood. Musician Anderson Sa saw his first drug murder when he was only 10. Sa has organized a local band and has trained and encouraged musicians in an effort to give youth options that do not include drug trafficking and violence.



COOL CAT: Deeley, one of the U.K.'s biggest talking heads, hosts "Dance."

CULT CHOICE

Brackish waters yield a creature known as **"MAN-THING"** (7 p.m., Sci Fi). Jack Thompson stars in this 2005 comic-book adaptation. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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WRC 4 News	News	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	My Name Is Earl	The Office	My Name Is Earl	The Office	(9:59) ER "The Human Shield"	News	Tonight Show	
WTTG 5 Seinfeld	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	So You Think You Can Dance (Season Premiere) (N)				News	Geraldo at Large	Friends "Pilot"	
WJLA 7 News	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	★ ★ "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" (2003) Cameron Diaz, Premiere				Primetime	News	(3:35) Nightline	
WUSA 9 News	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	NUMB3RS "Harvest" (iTV) (N)				CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Without a Trace "Freefall" (N)	News	Late Show
WDCB 20 That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends "Pilot" (N)	Every- Raymond	Hates Chris	Love, Inc.			Eve	Cuts	The Tyra Banks Show (N)	Girlfriends
WMPT 22 The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Conn.	MotorWeek	This Old House	Live From Lincoln Center Performances from the past 30 years. (N)			Live From Lincoln Center Performances from the past 30 years. (N)	Japan: Memoirs of a Secret Empire	Time of Fear (N) (DVS)	Charlie Rose (N) (N)
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Comedy	(4:30) ★ ★ ★ "Cookie's Fortune"	Reno 911	Reno 911	Daily Show	Colbert Report			Mind of Mencia	South Park	Daily Show	Colbert Report
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E!	Sexiest		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Simon Cowell: Hollywood Story			Charles in Charge: True Story	Child Star Con.	Child Star Con.	Saturday Night Live
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TCM	(5:00) ★ ★ "Winter Meeting" (1948)	All About Bette Davis: Life & Films		★ ★ ★ "In the Heat of the Night" (1967) Sidney Poitier, 'NR'				★ ★ "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" (1967) Spencer Tracy, 'NR'			
HBO	(5:00) Robots 'PG'	★ ★ ★ "In Good Company" (2004) Dennis Quaid, 'PG-13'		★ ★ ★ "Spider-Man 2" (2004, Action) Tobey Maguire, 'PG-13'				Poseidon: 1st		Tabicab Confessions	
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SHOW	4 Weddings	(4:5) ★ ★ ★ "Bright Young Things" (2003) Emily Mortimer, iTV, 'R'		Three Days in September (iTV) (N)				Penn & Teller	Penn & Teller	HUFF (iTV) Beth makes a request.	
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ENCORE	(4:45) ★ ★ "Blues Brothers 2000" (1998) Dan Aykroyd, 'PG-13'			★ ★ "Predator" (1987, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, 'R'				★ ★ "Predator 2" (1990, Science Fiction) Danny Glover, 'R'			

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Refuse

How a humble hauler of junk became a multimillionaire CEO

As a franchise operator of 1-800-GOT-JUNK, Calgary's Dave Harrop thought he would just be hauling away other people's garbage — not bona fide treasures that would lead to a lucrative lifestyle.

He once picked up 50 boxes of books which were bound for the paper recyclers. Looking inside one, he found early editions of three books by Charles Dickens, including a copy of "Bleak House."

"It was totally by fluke," he said. "I just happened to look on top of the boxes and ... saw it was worth going through the boxes," he said.

Harrop's find is not as uncommon as it may seem, says company spokesman Christopher Bennett.

Bronic Gold, a San Mateo, California, franchise operator of 1-800-Got-Junk, found a 1954 Martin Parlor Acoustic Guitar worth almost US\$10,000, said Bennett, who has a document signed by President Teddy Roosevelt worth US\$17,000 and a Spiderman 1 comic as a result of junk jobs.

"You'd be amazed at what people throw away," Bennett said. "It's junk. You're really going into people's basements and backyards and grabbing junk and taking it to a landfill site."

They are all part of a Vancouver, Canada-based company that has transformed itself from a one-man operation carting off people's unwanted stuff 16 years ago to one that expects to have 250 franchises throughout North America by the end of 2006.

The business is the brainchild of CEO Brian Scudamore. Clad in slacks and a sweater over a T-shirt,

"You'd be amazed at what people throw away. It's junk. You're really going into people's basements and backyards and grabbing junk and taking it to a landfill site."

CHRISTOPHER BENNETT
1-800-GOT-JUNK

the 35-year-old Scudamore is far from the image of a corporate suit. He walks to work and does not own a cell phone.

"We're creating the FedEx of the junk removal industry," he said in a coffee shop next door to the company's Vancouver headquarters, called the Junktion.

Scudamore — an avid reader of business books on entrepreneurs

such as Virgin Group's Sir Richard Branson and FedEx's Frederick W. Smith — describes the company's growth as "explosive."

He began the company in 1989 as a way to pay his way through college. Sitting in a Vancouver McDonald's two days before his 19th birthday, he saw a beat-up old junk hauler truck and thought: "I could do that."

Using the C\$550 (US\$491) in his bank account, he bought a similar truck and printed flyers for The Rubbish Boys. In 1999, Scudamore developed the franchising model based on the name 1-800-GOT-



FDLIQ: Brian Scudamore, CEO of 1-800-Got-Junk, started his Vancouver-based company with a single truck in 1989.

Trash to Cash

JUNK?

There was a problem, however. That number belonged to an Idaho state agency. After countless calls tracking down the official in charge, Scudamore persuaded him to give up the number.

"The guy goes: 'Listen, it's the number we own, but yeah, we're not really using it. It's not that important to us, but clearly it's important to you,'" Scudamore said.

He soon realized that he was learning more through his own experiences than he was sitting in a university lecture hall. He dropped out. In fact, Scudamore

has literally turned the phrase that one man's junk is another man's treasure into a gold mine.

The first year of franchising, the company brought in \$833,000 in revenue. It expects to see \$92 million in revenue this year. By 2009, Scudamore projects \$321 million in revenue. While he's estimating a billion Canadian dollars (US\$892 million) in sales by 2012, Scudamore said he won't let the company grow too fast.

"No way," he said. "We can't weaken that foundation that we're building. I want to build a globally admired brand."

Now, however, the company finds itself a victim of its own success. Six members of its executive team have given up their offices to run company franchises. "They want to get a franchise before we're sold out," Bennett said.

There are only 400 franchises remaining in North America; 244 have already been sold. But, said Scudamore: "As long as they don't leave completely, we're happy. I think it's good for validation."

Last year, Scudamore received 3,000 franchise inquiries.

"It's like a gold rush," he said.

JEREMY HAINSWORTH (AP)

Sitting in Style

Design

The Eames Lounge chair gets its very own museum show

Filmmaker Billy Wilder got the first one. Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had one, too. So did Frasier Crane on "Frasier."

What this odd trio had in common was ownership of an elegant yet comfy piece of furniture that's getting its own museum exhibition, "The Eames Lounge Chair, an Icon of Modern Design." It's at New York's Museum of Arts & Design and travels later to two museums in Michigan, where the chair is manufactured.

The chair's stuffed leather cushion sits on a laminated wooden seat atop a five-legged metal base. The Herman Miller company, which makes the chair and its accompanying ottoman, has sold more than 100,000 of the lounge model since



An Eames lounge chair and ottoman made from molded rosewood plywood with black leather upholstery and aluminum.

“Over the years it's become something of a status symbol, and it's very comfortable ... very sleek.”

DOROTHY TWINING GLOBUS
MUSEUM OF ARTS & DESIGN

it was introduced on the then very modern medium of television in March 1956.

Decades later, the chair was also featured on the sitcom "Frasier." The chair becomes part of the background when his father moves in with a ratty recliner.

Dorothy Twining Globus, curator of exhibitions at the New York museum, has a simple answer when

asked why the chair designed by husband and wife team Charles and Ray Eames remains popular after a half-century.

"Why don't you sit in it," she said, and, indeed, the chair is easy to sink into. "Over the years, it's become something of a status symbol, and it's very comfortable ... very sleek."

Price has a lot to do with the

chair's status — it and the ottoman sell for over \$3,000. It turns out, though, that with inflation accounted for, the price is lower now than in 1956, when the set sold for about \$600, more than \$4,000 in today's dollars.

Charles Eames died in 1978 and Ray 10 years later. They gave the first model of the lounge chair to their friend, Billy Wilder.

The chair is definitely a product of 1950s America, when bulky furniture was giving way to a sleeker, lower look. And what could be more American than Charles Eames' description of the chair having "the warm receptive look of a first baseman's mitt"?

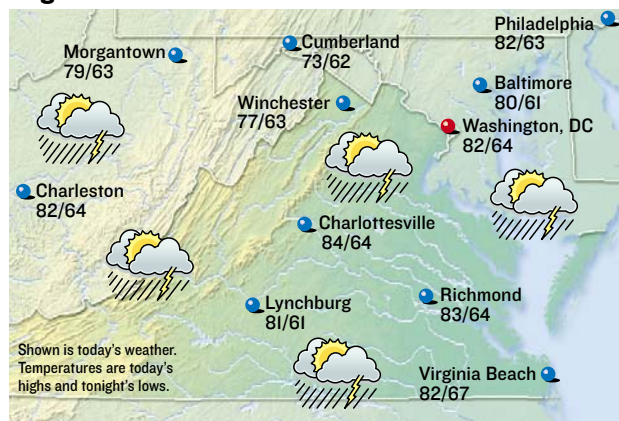
The show illustrates how the chair was developed. Included are laminated wood splints that Charles Eames designed for the U.S. Navy, which provided research on how to make the chair's curved seat. There's also an upholstered, curved chair that Eames designed with architect Eero Saarinen in 1946.

Sarah Holian of the Grand Rapids Art Museum in Michigan, which developed the Eames chair show, pointed out that the chair was marketed as something for men. One exhibit is an ad — a sketch of the chair from the back, with Charles Eames sitting in it, with only part of his hair and his pipe visible. G.G. LABELLE (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly sunny, thunderstorm 82°	A shower or thunderstorm 64°	Partly sunny, showers, thunderstorm 85° / 64°	A shower early, partly sunny later 82° / 64°	Mostly sunny, warmer 85° / 64°	Sunny, very warm 89° / 66°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	73°
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Normal high	78°
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24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	2.10"
Normal month to date	2.97"
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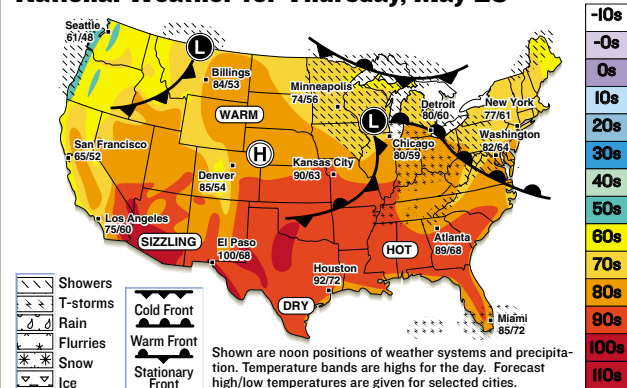
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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:48 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:22 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:23 a.m.
Moonset today	7:04 p.m.



National Weather for Thursday, May 25



National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	89/68/t	86/68/t
Boston	76/60/pc	76/58/t
Chicago	80/59/t	76/60/pc
Dallas	94/75/pc	94/75/pc
Denver	85/54/s	88/52/s
Honolulu	84/71/pc	86/72/pc
Los Angeles	75/60/s	72/60/pc
Miami	85/72/t	87/72/pc
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Seattle	61/48/sh	59/46/sh

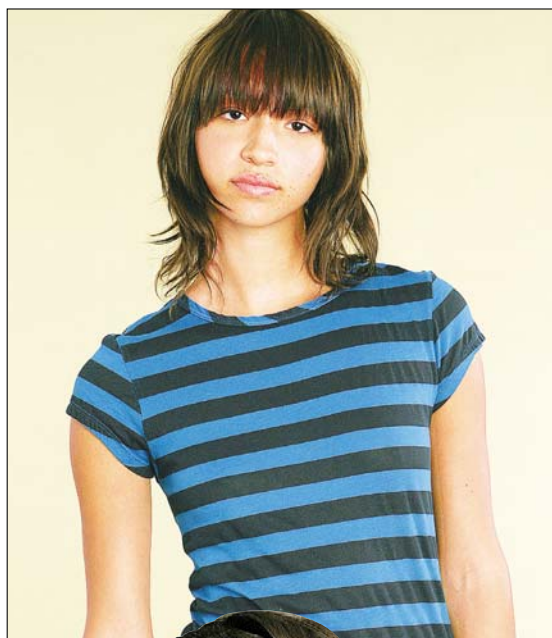
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Buenos Aires	64/54/pc	66/57/c
Calgary	64/44/pc	54/34/r
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Styles

LOOKout



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To a Tee

Summer shirts are going long

BARE MIDRIFTS are so last summer. Stylish women of all ages have tossed their belly-baring baby tees in favor of tres chic tunic tops that hit at mid-hip — or even lower — and allow one to look sexy without revealing even an inch of abdomen. And in an interesting twist, the tunic tee trend began among streetwise, fashion-forward hipsters across the country and then trickled up to celebrities such as Cameron Diaz, Rachel Bilson, Mischa Barton and Nicole Richie afterward, rather than the other way around, as is usually the case in these tabloid-obsessed times.

While striped tunic tees are the most popular (and ubiquitous), there are a range of styles, cuts and colors from which to choose, ensuring that this summer, everyone can afford to partake in the great tee coverup. Here, a few tops that go to great

lengths, stylistically speaking.

→ Comfortable without being sloppy, the **LUX EXTRA LONG TUNIC** (\$32, URBANOUTFITTERS) comes in solids (brown, black, berry) and stripes (black/white, red/white and teal/gray) and, depending upon what you wore with it, would look as right on a Lower East Side riot grrrrl as it would on a more classically inclined Midwestern mom.

→ Fashioned from super soft, lightweight pima cotton in an array of mouthwatering summer shades (lilac, flamingo pink, cayenne pepper red, mojito green,

Two styles of the Urban Outfitters Lux Extra Long Tunic, and the Alternative Apparel Sheer Tunic. Pair all of them with a big belt, worn over the shirt.

oasis blue), the **LILLIA P. LEAN AND SLENDER COLLECTION TEES** (\$40-\$48, LILLIAP.COM) are cut for grownups — pretty ballet necks, cross-front vees, and several with 3/4 sleeves — that make them suitable for work or weekend. Come fall, the company is introducing several new tunic tees that will be even longer than the Lean and Slender Collection.

→ **THE MOSSIMO STUDDED EMPIRE TUNIC** (\$15, TARGET) comes in black or wine and is one-part tee, one-part cami and all-parts chic, thanks to its plunging v-neck, subtly studded bodice and forgiving empire waist cut, which drapes softly to hide a multitude of summer sins, allowing you to have your cake (or Double Fudge Oreo ice cream) and eat it, too — without having to suck in your gut.

→ The perfect layering tee, the **ALTERNATIVE APPAREL SHEER TUNIC** (\$24, ALTERNATIVEAPPAREL.COM) super-soft short sleeved cotton jersey tunic comes in a range of pastels (banana, mint), as well as black and white, and features a delicate scoop neck and extra-long length that looks equally cool peeking out from beneath a sweater or vest or when worn alone, scrunched up around the hips for a ruched effect.

→ The **C AND C CALIFORNIA TRAPEZE TEE** (\$78, ANTHROPOLOGIE) cotton jersey tee covers three of spring's top trends at once: It's white (check), it's a tunic (check) and it has a trapeze shape (check), making it the perfect topper to wear over slim bermuda shorts or drainpipe jeans. The pretty round neckline and banded puff sleeves are just icing on the stylish cake. LAUREN DAVID PEDEN (FASHION WIRE DAILY)

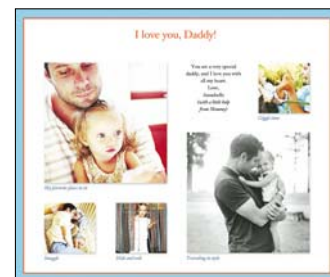
Fashion



She's Not Skinny, She's My Sister

Get in Beyoncé's pants! Her line, **HOUSE OF DEREON** (which is co-owned by her mother, Tina Knowles), is spawning a juniors' label, called simply Dereon. The collection will appear nationwide this winter and will feature denim, knits and fur jackets and vests targeting women in their teens and early 20s. Beyoncé's sister, Solange Knowles Smith, will be the face of the ad campaign. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Father's Day



Better Than a Tie

When you need a gift for Dad, go for the emotional jugular and bombard him with photos of your misty, water-colored past. At the new **TABBL0.COM**, you can upload an unlimited number of photos, choose a design, customize the layout, add text and invite others to view the "tabblo" (it's supposed to sound like "tableau") and leave comments — a strategy we'd avoid if you include that picture of you on a rocking horse bucknaked when you were three. In addition to sharing the tabblo online, you can print out a suitable-for-framing poster for \$10. We're a fan of any present that reminds dads just how old they're getting! K.P.K.

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Emulating Jack Bauer

CRIME | If you saw three men mug a pedestrian outside your apartment, what would you do? For blogger **CAFE227.BLOGSPOT.COM**, **JACK BAUER** of Fox's "24" served as a guiding light for what to do, until: "I picked up a large metal pole (don't ask). See, I had just watched the season finale of '24,' and I had visions of going all Jack Bauer on their asses. But I didn't have any shoes on. How am I going to single-handedly take on three muggers who are possibly armed without the right pair of athletic shoes? So, I started digging through my closet for the proper footwear ..." Alas by the time the shoes were found, the mugging at the corner of **13TH AND T STREETS NW** in the District was over.

It's the thought that counts, though.
MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

METRO ADS | Our discussion about ads in Metrorail tunnels continues to draw comments. While many of you think that expanded advertising is great for Metro's bottom line, reader **ANNAETEMADI** would in general like less advertising in the world: "I find the entire marketing industry amazingly and intentionally ignorant of the desire of Americans to have LESS advertising in their lives. We have spam blockers, pop-up blockers, do-not-call legislation, commercial-free cable TV and we still can't get away from it." If you want to weigh in, e-mail us at **COMMENTS@READEXPRESS.COM**.



ACTION: If you saw someone getting mugged, would you try to act like Jack Bauer?

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What will happen on the season finale of ABC's "Lost"?

- 0% They get rescued
- 39% The Others attack
- 25% Walt dies
- 36% The polar bear returns

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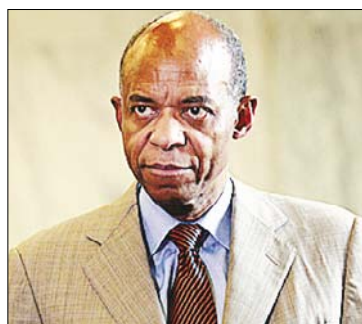
"I have no particular opinion about this (believe it or not), but it's worth mentioning that one criticism that I have seen of this plan is that it could drive businesses away from the streetscape in favor of the underground."

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The Executive-Legislative Divide

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THE RADICAL SECULARIST.BLOGSPOT.COM THINKS THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S RAID ON THE OFFICE OF REP. BILL JEFFERSON, PICTURED ABOVE, IS A VIOLATION OF THE SEPARATION OF POWERS.

Live Online

Book World columnist **MICHAEL DIRDA** was online Wednesday and talked about "Huckleberry Finn" and digitizing books | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

What are your thoughts regarding the trend of scanning the world's books into digitized form?

Seems to me it's inevitable and bound to happen and doubtless a great research tool — provided care is taken in the digitizing. I can imagine textual nightmares from this, and corrupt texts proliferating online. I once looked up a famous quote from Thoreau through Google and found four different versions of it on the first screenful of hits.

All this said, I think that a tactile, manual encounter with a physical object is important to reading. One needs to turn pages, mark favorite passages, scribble in margins, carry the book in your purse or pocket, reread favorite passages, stare at it on your bookshelf. It would be a great diminution of the reading experience to miss out on these.

My gay book group chose Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" for our monthly read. We had read the book with a possible "gay" angle, which

Book World

I found kind of dubious. However, one person felt it was the first book about someone who was both an outcast and a bit of a hustler and that conferred on the book an honorary "gay" distinction. Your thoughts?

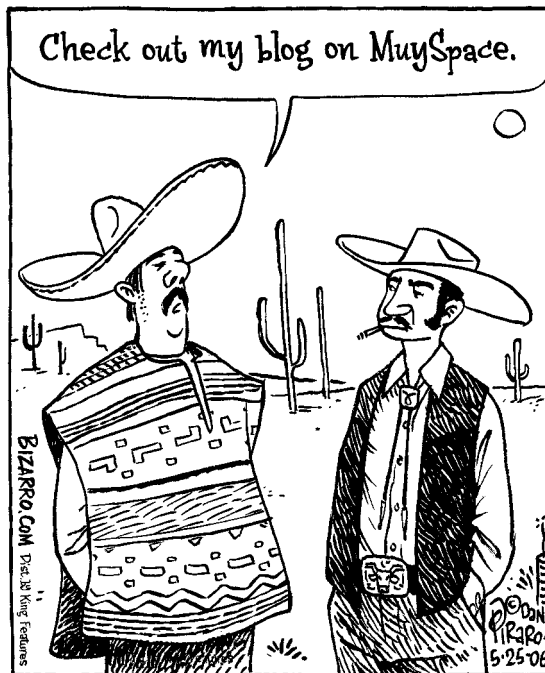
Well, you may know about Leslie Fiedler's famous essay, "Come back ag'in to the raft, Huck, honey" in which he posits a kind of sublimated homosexual relationship between a man of color and a younger white man or boy as being the archetypal pattern of American literature. He expands some of this in his big book, "Love and Death in American Literature," where he also talks about good and bad females (blonde and dark-haired). He sees the relationship everywhere. I myself don't see Huck as gay, except insofar as he chooses to go against the norms of the society around him and live his own life.

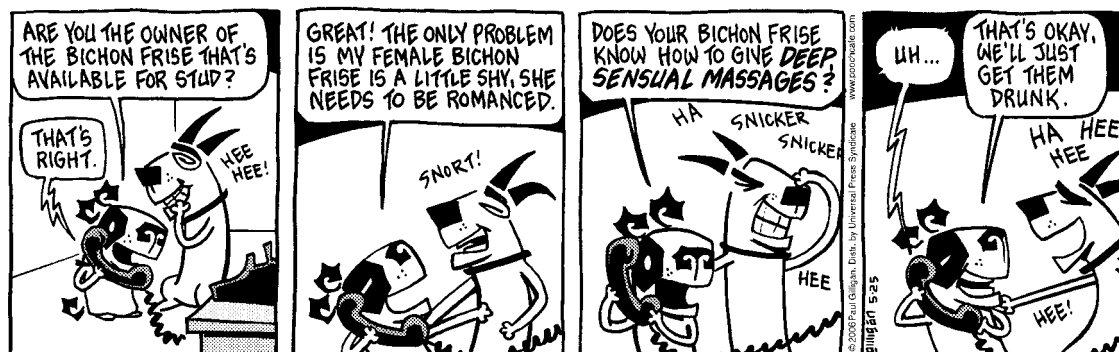
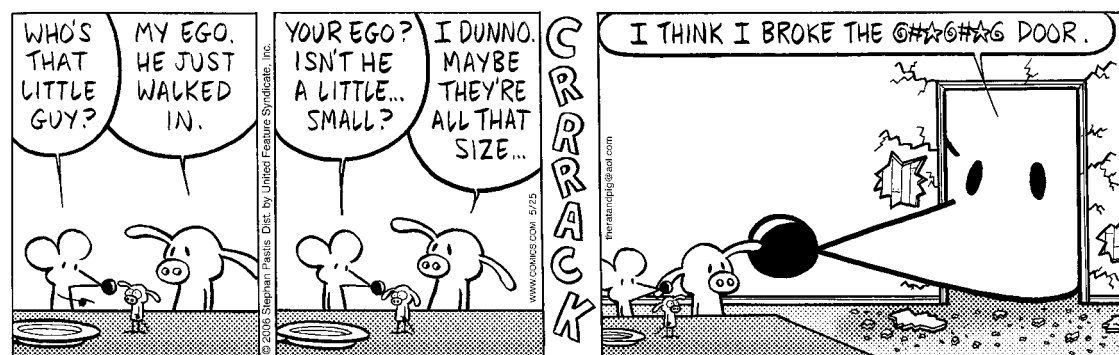
→ Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Post TV columnist Lisa de Moraes discusses the results of the "American Idol" finale and recaps the season.

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ATTACK THAT DIRT PATCH UNDER THE SHROUD OF DARKNESS. That grassless slab of caked dirt by your apartment been irking you with its ugliness for too long? Time to be proactive about urban gardening — and you've got help. Guerillagardening.org is based in the U.K. but is assembling covert U.S. squads.

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Though you may have signed on to lend technical assistance, your major role will be that of cheerleader; your moral support will be invaluable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be looking for a way out, but you must stay the course until a decision has been rendered, one way or the other.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your memory will serve you well, as you meet people who are familiar—and who are likely to figure prominently in the near future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Justice will prove a central issue. Focus on personal experiences that have shaped your way of thinking about right and wrong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone may be getting on your nerves. Try to relieve tension by focusing on something other than the primary irritation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Someone may be trying to pull the rug out from under you in some way, but you can keep your

footing if you think ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) What you're trying to accomplish may not be high on anyone's list, but if you pull it off, you will attract a great deal of admiration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be attracting a following these days; it is important that you follow your path with dedication and avoid any major distractions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be feeling betrayed by someone who is no longer giving you the consideration that you think you deserve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It is very important that you know exactly where you stand. Like it or not, you're at an important junction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Pressures at work must not be allowed to create a rift at home. Talk about things that are bothering you, and accept advice from loved ones.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a good day to stay in the background and keep an eye on those who are trying to be most influential. Spot errors, and plan on fixing them.

Letters

'Da Vinci' Item Was Unfair

A HEADLINE in last Thursday's Express regarding the controversy over "The Da Vinci Code" read, "Because Zealots Love Logic," in response to director Ron Howard's suggestion that people upset by the movie shouldn't go to see it.

Speaking for myself, it's not necessary to be a "zealot" to be offended by the message of "The Da Vinci Code," which denies the divinity of Jesus, alleges that he married Mary

of Magdalene and fathered children, and accuses the Catholic Church of engaging in a cover up of these facts. Even in 2006, such allegations are considered blasphemous, and even the most lapsed Christians such as myself recognize them as such and take offense.

Would Express be so bold as to deliberately mock people who took offense at a book that asserted that the Koran was not revealed to the prophet Muhammad, or that Siddhartha Gautama never sat underneath the Bodhi tree?

—JOHN LOWREY
Vienna, Va.

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Today in History

1787 The Constitutional Convention was convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

1895 Oscar Wilde was convicted of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to prison.

1935 Babe Ruth hit the 714th and final home run of his

career, for the Boston Braves, in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

1961 President Kennedy asked the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

1979 275 people died when an American Airlines DC10 crashed on takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare airport.

1986 An estimated 7 million Americans participated in "Hands Across America."

Look out

People



DANIEL BEREHULAK/GETTY IMAGES

"Make them worship me," Elton prayed.

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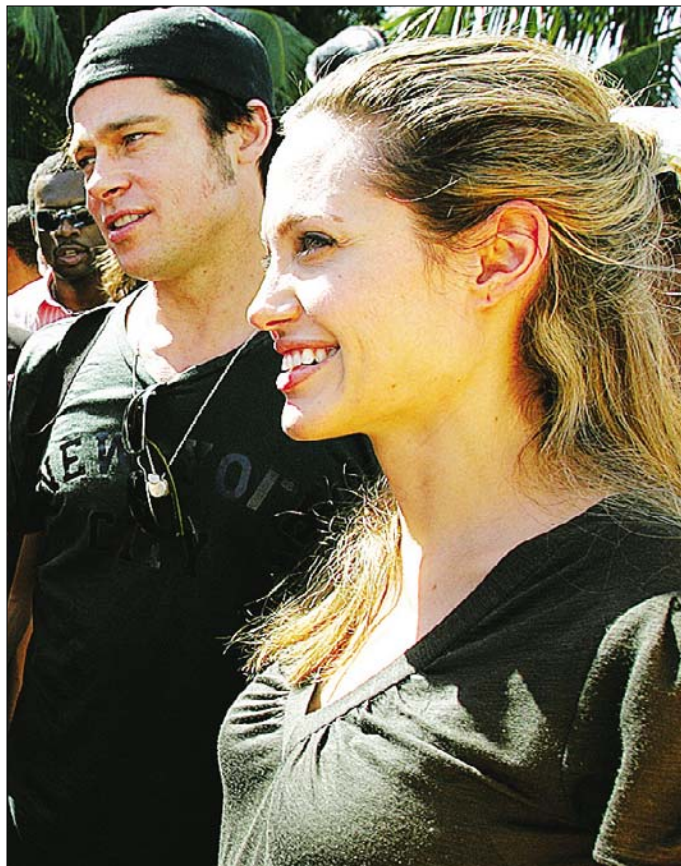
'I'm So Approachable! Hug Me, Yonder Peons!'

ELTON JOHN accepted \$188,000 in libel damages Wednesday over allegations that he asked guests not to approach him at a charity ball. The Daily Mail claimed in a June 24 article that the singer had issued a "bizarre" edict for guests not to approach him at the ball. (AP)

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Meryl Sells Out, Starbucks Shells Out

MERYL STREEP is narrating "The Velveteen Rabbit" and "The Night Before Christmas," which will be released as audiobooks at Starbucks stores. "This is continuing our commitment to providing customers with compelling family entertainment titles," Starbucks Entertainment President Ken Lombard said. (AP)



BRENNAN LINSLEY/AP

BRANGELINA BABYWATCH

And ... Nothing

BRAD PITT and **ANGELINA JOLIE**, who are awaiting the arrival of their first child, want their stay in Namibia to be as private as possible. Foreign journalists wanting to cover the birth must have written permission from the stars to enter the country, the Namibian government has said. An informal poll by Namibian station Radio Wave determined that listeners were evenly divided on whether the day Jolie gives birth should be declared a national holiday. (AP)

COMMON KNOWLEDGE

Lawyer Sets Out to Prove There Are No Original Ideas

Lawyers sparred over whether rappers **LUDACRIS** and Kanye West stole the essence of another song to create the 2003 hit "Stand Up." The jury in U.S. District Court in Manhattan listened to "Straight Like That" by a group called I.O.F. from East Orange, N.J. Attorney



Would a song-stealer wear a hat like this?

Mel Sachs said he will prove Ludacris heard the song before he made his hit, even though "Straight Like That" never made it beyond some air time on college radio after it was released in 2001. Hundreds of promotional copies of "Straight Like That" were distributed, Sachs said. (AP)

BRILLIANT

'Celebrity Tree-Sit': Reality Show Waiting to Be Made

Folk singer **JOAN BAEZ** and tree-sitter Julia "Butterfly" Hill will live in a tree to raise awareness of a 14-acre Los Angeles-area farm threatened with demolition. Hill, who lived in a redwood for more than two years



Two platforms have been placed in the tree for the sitters. (AP)

JEALOUSY

Noah Wyle Fires Agent for Not Landing Him This Gig

British actress **PARMINDER NAGRA** appeared Tuesday on a New York stage as part of a live commercial to promote tourism in London. The "ER" star made a cameo appearance with a troupe organized by the British tourism group Visit London. The commercial made its NYC debut before "Stomp." (AP)



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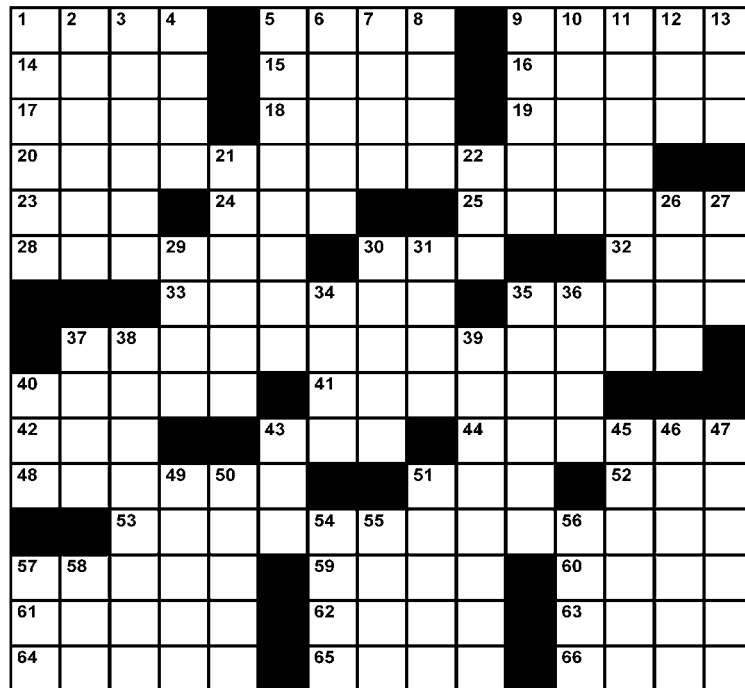
1 "___ to leap tall buildings ..."
5 Some playing cards
9 Base and boot, e.g.
14 Sword fight, e.g.
15 Issued a command
16 It's larger than Lincoln
17 Like some tests
18 Canal completed in 1825
19 Singer Newman
20 Sailor's delight?
23 "... we fear ___ evil" (Burns)
24 Turncoat
25 Windshield accessories
28 Beachgoer's goal, perhaps
30 Good thing to jump for
32 Chinese chairman
33 Minor interruption
35 Blokes
37 Unwanted possession
40 Word with tacks or knuckles
41 Defense mechanism
42 Ache
43 Get-up-and-go
44 Executor's concern
48 Ingratiate
51 Step into

character, e.g.

52 Brine-cured delicacy
53 Arguer's state?
57 Ermine in the summer
59 Statistics, facts and such
60 1984 Olympics no-show
61 It's created in a snap
62 Arabian ruler
63 Comic vignette
64 Joins the team?
65 Clique
66 ___ pareil

DOWN

1 Embellishes
2 Article of furniture
3 Oppressively sluggish
4 Some extensions
5 State of limbo
6 Lapidary's measure
7 Fix errata, e.g.
8 Detected
9 Cardigan or Pembroke
10 Nurses in the Orient
11 One type of talk
12 Master's follower
13 Articulate
21 Some snakes of southeastern Asia
22 It could be



poison

26 Mesmerized
27 ABBA hit
29 What you may now hear?
30 Minty drink
31 Hiding nothing
34 Surrender
35 Pure-minded
36 Come to a standstill
37 Brown bird
38 Manual
39 Meeting overhead, perhaps
40 When doubled, a remark to Birdie

43 Start for school
45 Kodiak locale
46 Warning bell
47 Puts forth effort
49 Lift up emotionally
50 Latter-day chariots
51 Web site, perhaps
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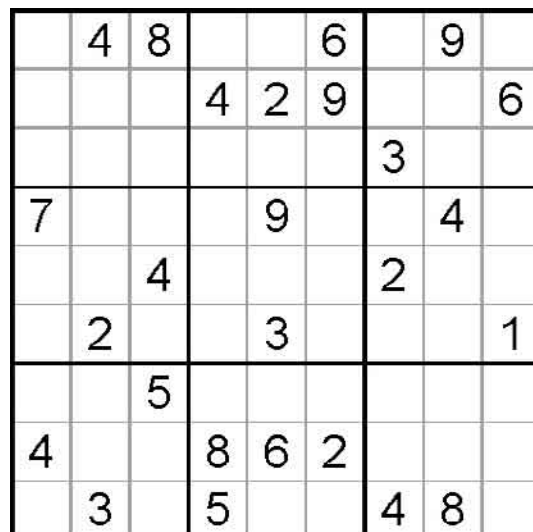
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[on the]spot

*** NAME:** Jonathan Coulton
GIG: Geek-culture tunesmith,
online sensation, Creative
Commons champion.

SINGER-SONGWRITER AND multi-instrumentalist Coulton is an artist for our techie times. The Contributing Troubadour for Popular Science magazine has won a cult following among the digerati. His Thing a Week podcast delivers a new song — arranged and recorded in his Brooklyn home studio — every Friday. Coulton's folksy, white-bread cover of "Baby Got Back" got the buzz going, and the hilarious yet touching original "Code Monkey" capitalized on it by laying bare the proud, pitiful lives of programmers everywhere. Last Friday's offering, "Tom Cruise Crazy," rehumanizes the aging star after the awkwardest year of his life. This Friday, Coulton makes a rare live solo appearance at Jammin' Java, where he opens for Paul and Storm.

Not many bards have sung the praises of fractal wizard Benoit Mandelbrot.

When I first started writing that song, [Mandelbrot Set], it was supposed to be a joke — you know, ha ha, isn't it funny that this guy's singing about math — but by the time I got to the end of it, I was emotionally involved in a way that I didn't expect. I still get a little misty.

That's true of a lot of your work. You start out with something really larky and find a poignancy to it. With its slow zooms of people's snapshots, the "Flickr" movie somehow makes sense of the fractured community the tech explosion has engendered.

That was another example of accidental profundity. I had an idea in my head for a while to do a music video ... and the music and the lyrics would be written in a way that



ROBOTIC: Geek-culture idol Coulton quit writing software to sing to the ladies.

would give you all the right cues that they were emotionally stirring. But the idea was that there would not be any content. It would just be all surface.

But it didn't end up that way.

As it turns out, the combination of music and images is so powerful that even though the song is

not about anything at all, it ends up being about Flickr and all of these random images that are just out there and all of these private lives suddenly being made public.... It also ended up being about the idea of Creative Commons [a nonprofit organization that offers flexible copyright licenses for creative works].

"The idea was that there would not be any content. It would just be all surface."

You've had people make subsidiary artworks out of your songs.

I love when that happens.... [For "Code Monkey"], these guys did this machinima video with a bunch of gorillas. I was just thrilled. One of the great things about Creative Commons is that you can put something out there and invite people to use it to create other things, and in so doing you are creating something you haven't even planned on creating. GLENN DIXON

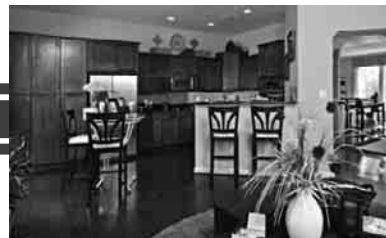
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A Terrible Burden to Bear

A war criminal pays for his transgressions in 'The Monument'

STAGE | It's time to revisit that age-old wartime justification: "I was just following orders."

In the case of Stetko — the young war criminal at the center of Colleen Wagner's "The Monument" — the orders were to rape and kill a couple dozen young women, upon threat of his own death. Can he be blamed for not refusing, or is he completely unredeemable?

The play, which makes its American premiere at the 8th Street Playhouse, explores these questions in Stetko's (Alexander Strain) story. Just before he is to be hanged, an enigmatic woman named Mejra (Jennifer Mendenhall) appears and offers



REVENGE: War criminal Stetko (Alexander Strain) is forced to revisit his crimes.

to free him — as long as he obeys her for the rest of his life.

Stetko agrees, but quickly finds

that it comes with a few strings — and even some chains — attached.

Mejra, the mother of one of his vic-

tims, is seeking vengeance.

"The Monument" uses allegory and harrowing dialogue to examine whether Stetko is a monster or a victim of his situation. For her part, Mejra exacts her revenge physically, in the form of beatings, and psychologically, in the form of mind games, eventually commanding that he revisit his crimes.

The play won the Governor's General Literary Award, the Canadian equivalent of the Pulitzer. Set in an unnamed country, "The Monument" was modeled upon the 1990s war in Bosnia. The latest in a series of area stage meditations on human nature during wartime, the play offers no easy answers.

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Going the Distance

Middle Distance Runner warms up to debut its new disc

MUSIC | In the year since Middle Distance Runner debuted on the Washington music scene, guitarist Allan Chappellear has cut his face on stage not once, but twice.

The first time was from a wardrobe malfunction: he was wearing a jacket and the zipper flew up and hit him in the nose. The second time was more of a rock-star injury.

"I was doing Pete Townshend-esque windmills and kind of like tossed my guitar up a little, but didn't catch it good enough," Chappellear says. "The edge of the guitar hit me in the eyebrow."

At MDR's show this Saturday at Iota, you can see if the guitarist can manage to keep from injuring himself in the name of entertainment. Or, you can watch him take another

hit for the team.

This upcoming show marks an important date for the Washington-area band — it's the CD release party for its debut album, "Plane in Flames." The band will perform songs from the album and will also preview a few new tracks. And if the addictive music isn't enough to entice you to shell out your hard-earned bucks for the album, it will be on sale for a reduced price of \$5.

The 10-track CD is the culmination of a considerable amount of effort, both in creating the music and getting it heard.

MDR often had hawkers outside the 9:30 Club after shows, handing out a three-track CD sampler. The disc included the band's infectious pop song "Naturally," which also will lead off this album. Through this grassroots campaigning (albums were also sent out to bloggers), the band has gotten its name out there, which helped MDR and its polished

sound achieve a level of notoriety in the area.

While eagle-eyed readers will notice the band's name as a reference to a Belle and Sebastian song, MDR doesn't count the Scottish band as one of its major influences; it instead looks further southward on the British isle to Blur, Radiohead and Super Furry Animals.

That Britpop sound is a far cry from what MDR lead singer Stephen Kilroy calls the "dejected" and "dark" Dischord-style music that dominates D.C.

"There's not a lot of pop music going on in D.C.," Kilroy says. "Everybody likes pop music, so it's pretty easy to build a fan base."

While the band members are prepared for a life in music world, they still decided to release the album themselves, rather than trying to latch onto a label.

"We got sort of trepidation on

the subject of approaching labels," Kilroy says. "We're trying to do it ourselves and have a marketable package that labels will want to approach us about, instead of selling ourselves to the first thing that comes along. We haven't done any talking to labels yet. We're just waiting right now."

Of course, the band, Kilroy in particular, doesn't want to wait too long to be able to quit their day jobs to be professional rock stars. When he's not playing to sell-out crowds at Iota, Kilroy's substitute teaching. And when he's not teaching, he's dealing out sandwiches at a local deli.

"In that respect," Kilroy adds, "I'm keeping an eye on the label aspect of it." SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)

→ Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Arlington; Sat., 9 p.m., \$10, with Greenland, the Gaskets; 703-522-8340. (Clarendon)

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The Hilton, 8727 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring; Fri.-Mon.; 202-545-888, bellydancersofcolor.org. (Silver Spring)

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Transplanted Tradition

Its station is off D.C.'s dial, but the HFStival still draws in locals

FESTIVALS | When local alt-rock station 99.1 WHFS turned into Hispanic dance station WLZL in January 2005, it seemed like a sound business choice: WHFS's ratings had been slipping for years, D.C. has a large Spanish-speaking population and Latino music genres like reggaeton had broken through to MTV. While 'HFS may have failed in D.C., it thrived in Baltimore — and has resurfaced on the dial in Charm City on 105.7 as an alt-rock/talk hybrid. It's because of the station's success in B'more that the HFStival is still alive.

The first HFStival was held July



IN THE LINEUP: Kanye West is one of many hip-hop and rock acts scheduled to take the stage over two days at the HFStival.

4, 1990, and it was a modest affair featuring a whole slew of "Where are they now?" artists like Neal Coty and a few "Who the hell?" bands like Jay Bone and the Hackensack Misfits of Soul. But the festival hit its stride by 1994, its second year at RFK Stadium, juggling two stages and featuring the Counting Crows as headliners.

The more things change, the more they stay the same: The Crows are headlining the second day of this year's HFStival, joined by Dashboard Confessional, Coheed and Cambria, the Strokes and a bunch of other bands you won't remember in 10 years. The first day has much more of a hip-hop bent, held down by Kanye West, Cypress Hill, Matisyahu and Atmosphere. Sadly, there's no Daddy Yankee or Pitbull. **CHRISTOPHER PORTER**

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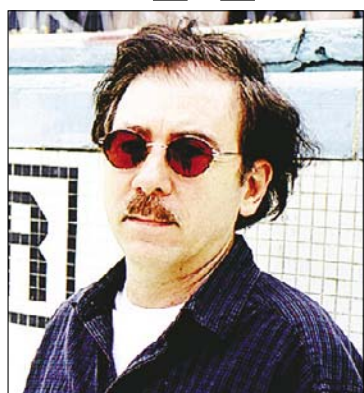
Viewers learn to love Terry Zwigoff's films, but it can take a while

FILM | How's this for a confidential bit of information? Terry Zwigoff, director of three films that were intimately related to the comic book world, doesn't read graphic novels.

Zwigoff, the maker of the new film "Art School Confidential," adapted from a story by "Ghost World" creator Daniel Clowes, just doesn't find comics all that interesting. Except, that is, for the works of his celluloid co-conspirators: Clowes and legendary underground Comix creator Robert Crumb, who was the subject of Zwigoff's disturbing documentary, "Crumb."

"I pick them up and page through them, but nothing grabs me about them," he said of most comics, noting that the dialogue is usually along the lines of "Look out!" which Zwigoff delivers in his best super hero voice.

Dialogue is paramount for Zwigoff, which is what he says distinguishes Clowes' work. This latest



Terry Zwigoff bases his movies on comics but doesn't like reading them.

collaboration comes from a four-page story in Clowes' "Eightball" comic.

Clowes wrote the screenplay on his own, fleshing out what is basically a series of gag cartoons into a complicated murder mystery set at an art school, complete with an array of unusual characters, plot twists and some insightful mockery of the art community.

And if you think that sounds like a peculiar combination of elements for a film, you're not alone.

"I don't like the fact that they are this way, but I really think they're

somewhat odd, even to me," Zwigoff said.

Zwigoff viewed the film with an audience at the Sundance Film Festival after not seeing it for 5 months, thinking it was the most mainstream film he'd done.

"It was embarrassing almost how odd it was," he said. Looking back on his filmography, though, oddness seems to be a constant.

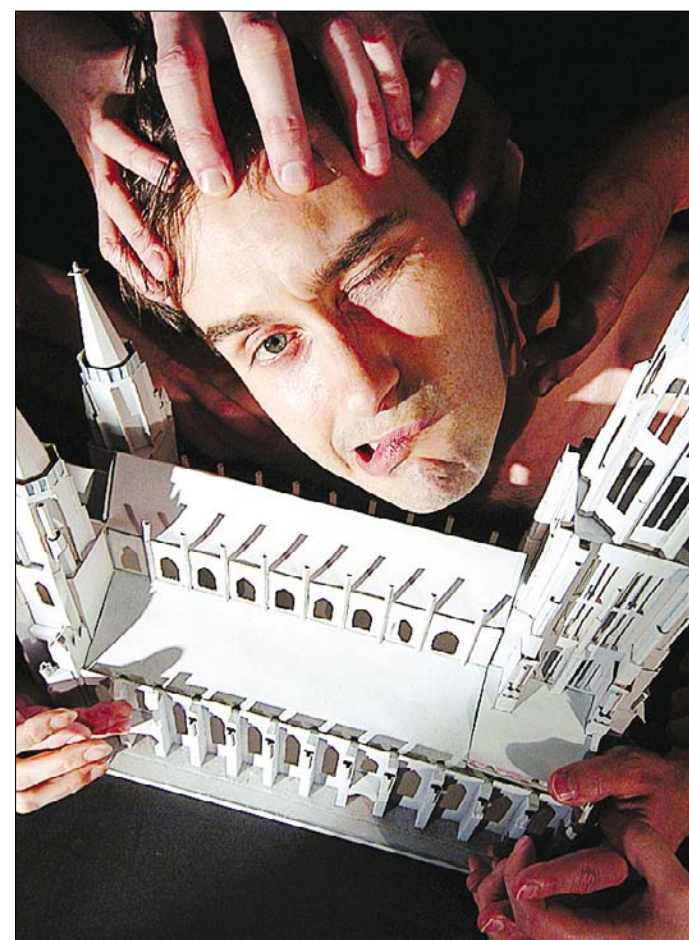
Because Zwigoff's movies are often unusual and atypical of the standard Hollywood fare, it often takes time for the public to fully embrace them. And it doesn't help that his films don't do so well with test audiences, with scores that he says are "the lowest in Hollywood history."

But that doesn't worry him.

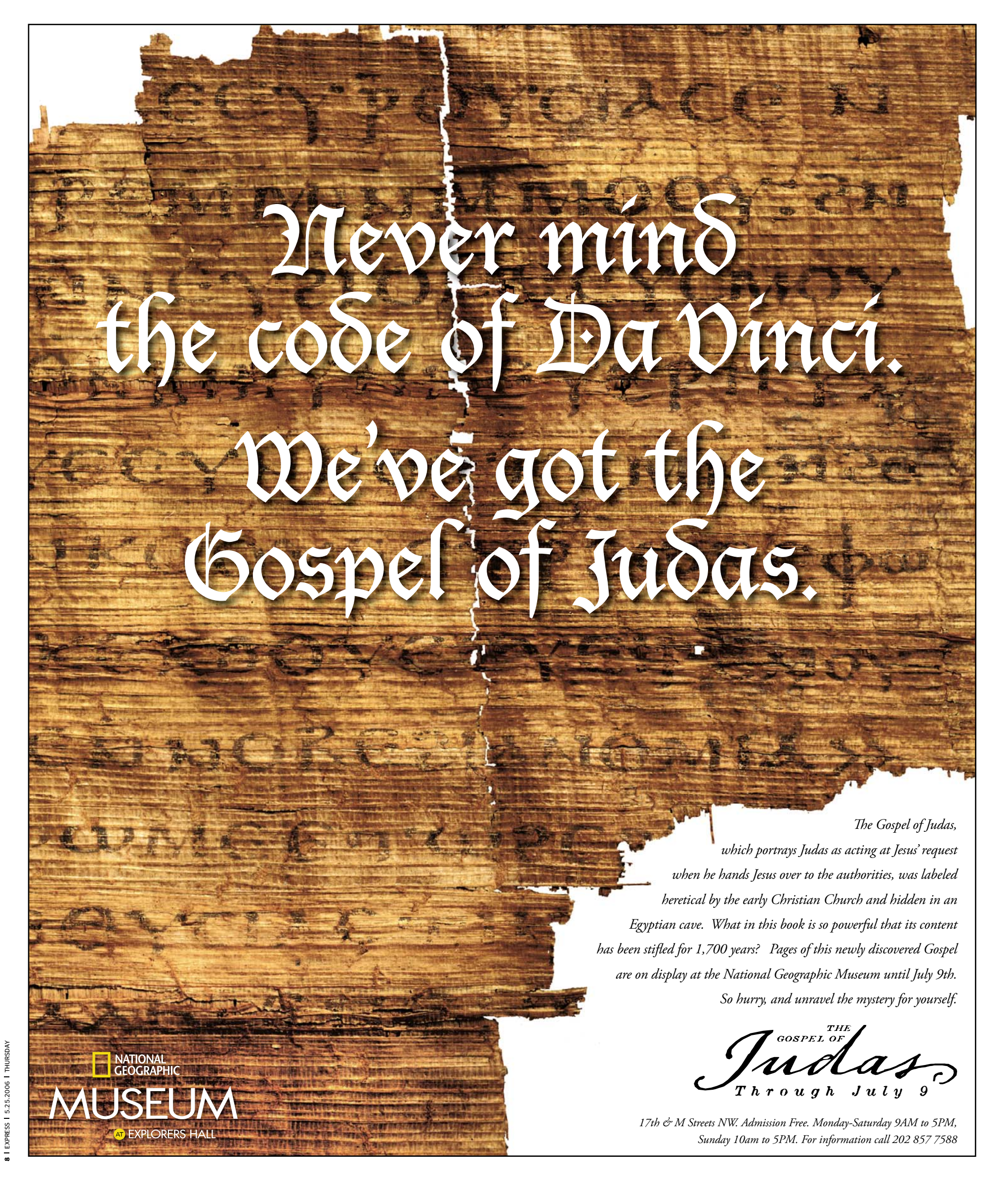
"At first, everybody hates them, and then a couple months go by and people slowly warm to them," he says. "I don't know if that's going to happen to this film — certainly a lot of people hated it at first ... but some people liked it." **SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)**

→ "Art School Confidential," various theatres. Visit washingtonpost.com for more specific locations and times.

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Recognized At Last

AFI recaps the films of Robert Altman, who finally got his Oscar

RETROSPECTIVES | You know how to tell if a director is really important? In the case of Robert Altman, it's not his five Best Director Academy Award nominations ("M*A*S*H," "Nashville," "The Player," "Short Cuts," "Gosford Park"). Nor his two Best Picture nominations. After all, he never took home the statue for any one of his films.

No, it's when a director gets that rare, vague Honorary Award. It's the gold statuette that says, "We, the Academy, are gonna just admit that we shoulda given you stacks of these over the years, but your stuff was too classy — yeah, that's it — and so before you die we're gonna save face, so here ya go. Love ya, babe."

2006 was Altman's year. At last. "For a career that has repeatedly reinvented the art form and inspired filmmakers and audiences alike," reads the award copy.

But at 81, age has hardly crimped Altman's production schedule. His new film, "A Prairie Home Companion," documents



A LOOK BACK: AFI Silver showcases the works of five-time Academy Award-nominated director Robert Altman. After a series of Oscar losses, this year the Academy finally recognized Altman's cinematic contributions with an honorary award.

the final broadcast of Garrison Keillor's long-running radio show. Except that Kevin Kline, Lindsay Lohan and Meryl Streep portray Keillor's regular cast. And, like Altman, Keillor's show isn't really going away. Anyone else detect just the tiniest dig at the industry?

This Friday, AFI Silver Theatre kicks off an Altman retrospective to showcase the director's subversive humor. And his mashup of dialogue. And the highwire acting improvisations he loves. And the other stylistic innovations that (eventually) earned him that kiss-and-make-up Oscar.

It's a chance to witness the tenacity of a forty-year vision, one nearly quashed at the outset by "M*A*S*H" co-stars Donald Sutherland and Elliott Gould, so flummoxed were they by Altman's unorthodox techniques. Fortunately, their attempts to kick him off the picture failed. He went on to make not just the Oscar nominees, but other classics like the Raymond Chandler adaptation "The Long Goodbye," the Van Gogh reverie "Vincent & Theo" and the poignant Americana of "Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean."

And now Altman has a shiny gold doorstep to, um, validate his efforts. **BOB MASSEY**

→ **AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring, opens Fri.-July 6; 301-495-6720. (Silver Spring)**

A Likeable Contempt

The music of I Wayne, Gyptian is soft, but packs a serious punch

MUSIC | I Wayne is a hard-core Rasta who wastes no time taking tough political stands in his songs. He erupts like a volcano at prostitutes and their johns on "Can't Satisfy Her," the breakout hit from his 2005 debut disc, "Lava Ground."

He also takes aim at abortion on "Don't Worry" (borrowing the riddim and melody from Bob Marley's "Waiting in Vain") and goes after the ladies of the night again on "Ready Fi Live Up." But because he croons his condemnations in such a soft,



I Wayne's lyrics are politically charged.

lilting voice, it's easy to forget how pointed they are.

Fellow singer Gyptian was born to a Rastafarian father and an Adventist mother, and while his sentiments are somewhat softer, he's no less serious than I Wayne. He doesn't have a CD to call his own yet, but he's got a handful of singles (and a well-traveled demo) that

prove he's ready to claim the throne as Jamaica's next big cultural reggae artist.

Like I Wayne, Gyptian sings in a pinched tenor that lulls listeners with its soulful beauty. Even when he's singing about rampant gun violence, as on "Show Love," he makes his dark lyrics sound like a lullaby. But it's the simple ballad "Serious Times," one of the standout tracks of last year, that pushed Gyptian to the top of the reggae charts and into a bidding war for his debut album. Yes, he's that good.

CHRISTOPHER PORTER

→ **Zanzibar, 700 Water St. SW; Fri., \$30; 202-554-9100 (Federal Triangle)**

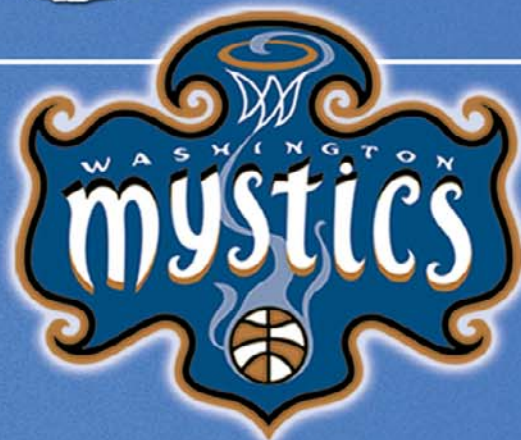
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Darkness And Light

Lafayette Gilchrist is a shining talent who makes somber music

MUSIC | Pay no attention to the title of Lafayette Gilchrist's latest disc, "Towards the Shining Path." Sure, the District-born pianist/composer is considered a bright new light on the jazz scene and his music often pulsates to grooves steeped in hip-hop culture, but Gilchrist's music is hardly shiny.

In fact, it's the very opposite, with Gilchrist layering skulking sounds underneath dissonant horn harmonies and rumbling rhythms.

But he doesn't agree with many critics' assertions that his music sounds ominous.

"I've never thought of my music as dark or particularly foreboding but I do recognize that there's underlying tension in it," he said. "It's just an honest expression of how I relate to my environment."

Maybe it's reflection of Baltimore, Gilchrist's home and the place where he developed his unique sound. In addition to playing at the New Haven Lounge, Baltimore's premiere jazz club, he's brought his sublime blend of barrelhouse blues, gothic hip-hop, funk and free jazz to punk estab-



LEE HOWARD LUBOW

TONES OF DOOM? Gilchrist doesn't think his music is as scary as some critics do.

lishments, such as the Otto Bar and Talking Head.

"I used to think that my music wasn't going to work in places like

that," he said. "But people loved it. Now, I just suspend judgment on who's going to like my music."

Gilchrist's longtime band, the

New Volcanoes, is usually composed of two tenor saxophonists, two trumpeters and a rhythm section. This weekend at Twin Lounge, however, he's paring down his ensemble to include only two horns because of space considerations. "I can't get my whole band on that stage," he says. "So my concert is going to be a little different."

For someone with Gilchrist's talent and such a high level of support from the jazz cognoscenti, it could seem surprising that he hasn't left Baltimore for New York, the perceived jazz mecca. But that's a no-brainer for Gilchrist. He argues that the Big Apple's jazz scene breeds conformity.

"Everybody in my generation coming out of music schools can play. I don't know anybody who has a jazz record out who can't play," he said. "But what we have lesser and lesser of is individual sounds." **JOHN MURPH**

→ **Twins Lounge, 5516 Colorado Ave., N.W.; Fri-Sat., May 26-27, 9 p.m. and 11 p.m., \$15, 202-882-2523.**



COURTESY 48 HOUR FILM PROJECT

READY, SET, SHOOT: A team competing last year works feverishly to shoot a scene as time quickly ticks on their film project entry.

Restless Filmmaking

Competing in the 48 Hour Film Project is a fight against the clock

SHORT FILMS | In May 2001, D.C. filmmakers Mark Ruppert and Liz Langston tried to make a watchable short film in two days. Excited by the results, they started the 48 Hour Film Project, which now travels across the country giving would-be filmmakers the same challenge.

The AFI Silver Theatre recently hosted the D.C. edition of the festi-

val. "We set an all-time record this year with 100 teams competing," Ruppert says of the D.C. event.

The best of those films can be seen at AFI on Friday: 12 will screen at 7 p.m. and 12 more at 9:30 p.m. The movies last between 4 and 7 minutes and the subject matter runs the gamut. "'TAG' is an animated film using Lego figures," Ruppert says. "'Touch of Glass' has a man turning into glass — the effect is straight out of Los Angeles. Well done."

The 48 Hour Film Project hasn't launched anyone into the realm of

Hollywood blockbusters yet, but Ruppert says, "A number of our past participants have had their 48-hour films shown at festivals — and at least two of these films have won the festival, beating other films made without a time limit. Quite a few of our filmmakers have made or are in the process of shooting indie features." Budding Wes Andersons take note. **CHRISTOPHER PORTER**

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Masked Hijinks

Los Straitjackets give the surf sound the Lucha Libre touch

MUSIC | Once there was only one surf band rocking Mexican wrestling masks: Los Straitjackets from los Estados Unidos. Six years after the group's first tour of Mexico, a score of Lucha Libre-themed surf outfits have popped up in Mexico City alone.

Guitarist Eddie Angel didn't know at first whether his band's shtick would play to audiences south of the border. "We weren't sure if we were going to offend them," he said. But last year, seventy thousand fans flooded the Zócalo in Mexico City for a surf festival headlined by the guys from el Norte.

It's only proper. Los Straitjackets' rise may have coincided with the mid-'90s love affair with kitsch-rock, but the band's style is rooted in Spanish-speaking guitarist Danny "Daddy-O Grande" Amis' genuine adoration of Mexican pop culture.

Rams Head Tavern is giving D.C.-area fans two chances to catch Los Straitjackets. Sunday's show is at the Annapolis outpost, an up-close-and-personal sit-down spot. Friday the 'jackets play Baltimore's larger, stand-up rock club.



COVER UP: Los Straitjackets guitarist Eddie Angel demonstrates says that the band's getup isn't optional — even in sweltering weather, the masks must go on.

This fall, Los Straitjackets will release "Twist Party," an enhanced CD of '60s-style dance-craze tunes, with the World Famous Pontani Sisters offering video instruction.

Hot licks and fancy footwork look great coming from guys suited up like El Santo, but there are occupational hazards.

"A lot of times, when I'm done, I can't breathe, man," Angel admitted. Still, there are no plans to go the Kiss-unmasked route.

"I don't see that happening," Angel said.

In the ring or onstage, the *luchador* knows there is honor in the mask. GLENN DIXON

→ **Rams Head Live!**, 20 Market Place, Baltimore; with Dick Dale, Fri., 7 p.m. (doors), 8:30 p.m. (show), \$25 (advance), \$30 (day of show); 410-244-1131.

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Reach for the Crown

Spinning at Black Cat, DJ Dredd pits Prince against Outkast

DANCE PARTY | With almost 30 years as a solo artist under his belt, Prince finds himself competing with not only his own legacy but also his successors.

Musically, Prince is still a force to be reckoned with, but lately songs by the likes of the Neptunes, R. Kelly and, most recently, Gnarls Barkley — artists who've clearly been influenced by Prince — have been racing to the top of the charts quicker than material by His Royal Badness. Renowned vibester DJ Dredd knows this all too well, which is why he's hosting his third Prince v. Outkast party this Sunday at the Black Cat.

Prince has always had a love-hate relationship with hip-hop, dating all the way back to his infamous "Black Album," on which he chastised rappers for their inability to play conventional instruments.



COMPARE AND CONTRAST: The super-duo Outkast has certainly taken Generation Next by storm, but how do Andre 3000 and Big Boi stack up against the crowned Prince himself? DJ Dredd will be spinning at Black Cat until a verdict is reached.

In turn, hip-hop's overt, street-level machismo has always been antithetical to Prince's high-end metrosexualism.

Nevertheless, one of the best Princely albums to come out three years ago was from Outkast, particularly Andre 3000's "The Love

Below" the flipside to Big Boi's "Speakerboxxx."

"Outkast is of this new generation of musicians who are trying to

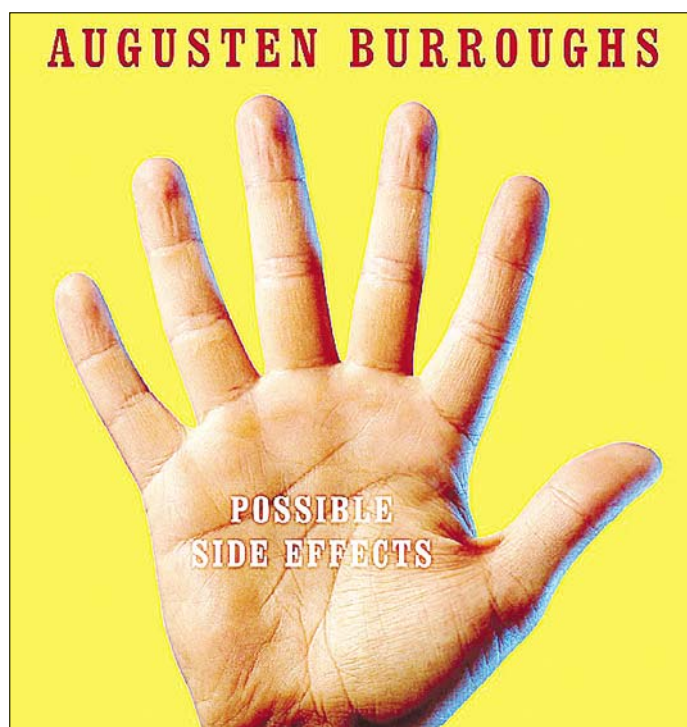
do something different," Dredd said. "Putting Outkast with Prince gives people an experience of old school and new school, but the music will also be somewhat seamless as far as production and danceability. Also, Outkast has a huge fan base of people of all different races, ages and backgrounds, and so does Prince."

The Prince v. Outkast soiree grew out of DJ Dredd's Lovesexy parties at the posh Georgetown nightclub Modern six years ago. Since then, he's pitted Prince's music against that of Rick James and Michael Jackson. Considering that one of the big forces behind these theme celebrations is a Prince fan club called Lovesexy D.C., it seems obvious who'll be the victor in these staged battles, and Dredd concedes it may not exactly be a fair fight.

"Usually, there isn't a clear winner or loser," Dredd argues. "Of course, Prince has a deeper catalog and more hits, but Outkast's catalog is growing too. I guess Prince usually comes out on top, in one form or another, maybe just by the sheer longevity of his career." JOHN MURPHY

→ *Black Cat, 1811 14th Street, NW, Sun., May 28; 8:30 p.m., \$9, 202.667-7960 (U Street/Cardozo).*

DISCUSSIONS | MAY CAUSE DIZZINESS



REALLY: The king of the outrageous memoir himself, Augusten Burroughs, discusses his newest book of essays, "Possible Side Effects." S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; Thu., 6:30 p.m.; 202-357-1403.

Lust, Lost and Found

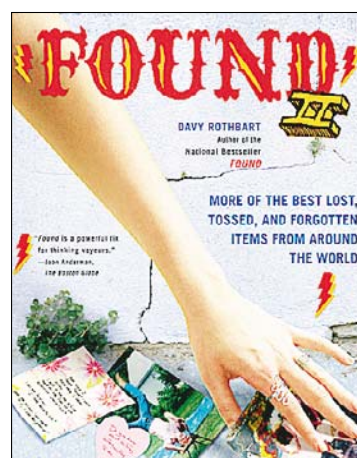
PostSecret and Found Magazine party for charity

OUT & ABOUT | "I gave up porn for Lent." "I'm a healthcare professional and ... I'm an addict."

These aren't just ordinary confessions — they're PostSecrets. Founded by Germantown, Md., artist Frank Warren, the PostSecret Web site has garnered a cult following for its user-submitted postcard confessions.

On Thursday, the Old Town Theater in Alexandria will showcase PostSecret, as well as Davy Rothbart's Found Magazine, which is devoted to displaying found items.

The evening's two shows will include a 30-minute PostSecret DVD presentation accompanied



From the sidewalk to the page — Found turns refuse into an intriguing read.

by a live musical trio, as well as Rothbart's discussion of his finds. Original PostSecrets will be on display. The first show of the evening will benefit for the Kristin Brooks Hope Center, which runs the 1-800-

SUICIDE crisis hot line.

"This will be the first time I have shared the images in this way and I can't wait to see the reaction — in others and in myself," Warren said.

"[PostSecret and Found] seem like kindred spirits. Both of them allow us to get in touch with people we don't know," said Rothbart.

In addition to Rothbart's presentation, his brother Peter will perform songs based on Found material. One song is based on a teenager's homemade rap cassette. The cassette, which features minute-long songs with phrases repeated over and over, has a song called "Damn, the Booty Don't Stop, Girl." Peter recasts it as a folk ballad.

DAN MILLER

→ *Old Town Theater; 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., \$15; purchase tickets at oldtowntheater.com*

Rules of Grammer

Kelsey Grammer talks like a man, walks like the Beast in "X-Men"

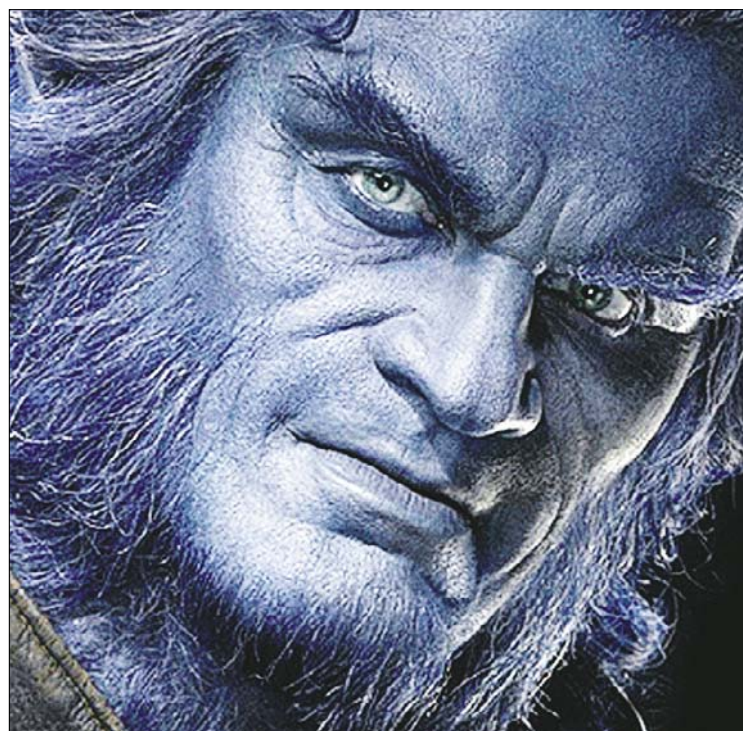
FILM | Moviegoers may not recognize the actor under the fur and makeup, but the baritone voice is unmistakable. Kelsey Grammer, best known for playing Frasier Crane on the hit sitcoms "Frasier" and "Cheers," joins the X-Men in the third installment of the highly successful film franchise, "X-Men: The Last Stand."

Grammer, 51, plays Dr. Henry McCoy, a mutant with superhuman

agility and physical prowess. He's also a highly intelligent geneticist and the nation's Secretary of Mutant Affairs. As a member of the X-Men, he's "the Beast."

In "Last Stand," when a "cure" for the mutant condition is discovered, the X-Men have to decide whether to become "normal" or retain their familiar identities. "The film is about love, about heart — standing with people of your kind, taking a stand," Grammer said.

"It was freeing to be given a mask, because you have the luxury of not being saddled with a TV persona which is perhaps a little



WHAT CAN'T HE DO? Grammer also voices Sideshow Bob on "The Simpsons."

limiting in terms of other people's imaginations when they see you," Grammer said.

To familiarize himself with the Beast, Grammer read a few issues of the comic book series but mostly

relied on his instincts. "An actor's imagination is his best tool," he says, smiling.

Grammer's hair and makeup artists were die-hard "X-Men" fans and provided him with information about his character's background. "They knew more about the past incarnations of the Beast than anybody else," he marvels.

While on location in Vancouver, the actor also ran into a few "X-Men" fans, who put in their two-cents about the Beast. "They said he was a beloved character, which is one thing that I always like the challenge of," Grammer says. "With a beloved character you have a lot of chances to make mistakes or at least piss off a lot of people, so I thought I'd give it a try."

Grammer soaked in the facts about his character's 40-year history, but said "it's nice to know where you come from, but it has very little to do with where you are in the moment" when filming OCCURS. ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 The Da Vinci Code

The most controversial thriller of the year turns out to be about as exciting as watching your parents play Sudoku. ANN HORNADAY

2 Over the Hedge

The movie's certainly funny, and on the money, satirizing humans as boors who practically oink into their cellphones as they drive to the supermarket for soda and Pringles. DESSON THOMSON

3 Mission: Impossible III

Director J.J. Abrams keeps the action clicking along, and Tom Cruise is at his scowling/smiling best. ANN HORNADAY

4 Poseidon

The movie isn't cute, funny, warm, nice, inspirational or uplifting. It's about the incredible labor of survival in a world turned sociopathic in an instant. STEPHEN HUNTER

5 RV

Robin Williams peppers his screen time with trademark jokes in this family



BIG: "Da Vinci Code" got lousy reviews, but audiences still flocked to the film.

road-trip comedy. DESSON THOMSON

6 See No Evil

A psychopath holed up in a rotting hotel terrorizes a group of criminals sent there to do community service. (Not screened for review.)

7 Just My Luck

Lindsay Lohan plays an inordinately lucky young New Yorker who swaps fates with an unlucky young man, and loses everything in a matter of minutes. Wahhh! STEPHEN HUNTER

8 An American Haunting

This movie about poltergeists and

people screaming in 19th-century costumes wants to exude a scary B-movie ethos but fails. DESSON THOMSON

9 United 93

Those who find meaning and catharsis by watching fetishistically accurate reenactments on the big screen will be well rewarded by Paul Greengrass' taut thriller. ANN HORNADAY

10 Akeelah and the Bee

This funny, affecting spelling-bee tale pays homage to one young person's character and to her parents, teachers and guardian angels. ANN HORNADAY

Indies&Arties

Escape the Apes

If you don't know by now, "Planet of the Apes" tells the story of an astronaut who crash lands on a planet in the distant future only to find it inhabited by intelligent apes who enslave human beings. The astronaut, played by Charlton Heston, must escape the apes in order to return back to Earth. If you haven't seen it, this Oscar-winning American epic is a must-see, and if you have, you should still check it out on the big screen, if for no other reason than to erase the memory of the sub-par 2001 remake starring Mark Wahlberg.

→ *Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave.; Sat., 10 a.m.; 202-966-6000. (Friendship Heights)*

Well Done, Good Sir

AFI honors Sir Sean Connery with its Life Achievement Award in film, presenting a retrospective of his works. In "The Untouchables," Connery is an Irish patrolman who helps federal agent Elliot Ness (Kevin Costner) try to bring down Chicago mob boss Al Capone. "The Name of the Rose" is the film adaptation of Umberto Eco's bestseller; Connery plays the monk who is trying to unravel a series of



For Heston, the only thing worse would be a planet of intelligent Democrats.

deaths and learns an ancient secret.

→ *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; through July 6, \$6.75-\$9.50; 301-495-9500. (Silver Spring)*

A Widow's Awakening

If you thought Britney Spears married young, wait until you see Deepa Mehta's "Water." This film tells the story of Chuyia, an eight-year old bride in colonial India who is exiled to live in a widow's ashram after her husband's untimely death. Chuyia's presence causes the widows around her to question their future and their faith. Hopefully this story ends up better than Britney's.

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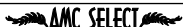
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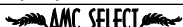


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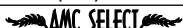


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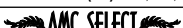
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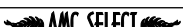


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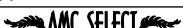


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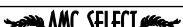


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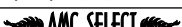
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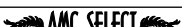


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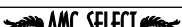
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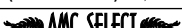


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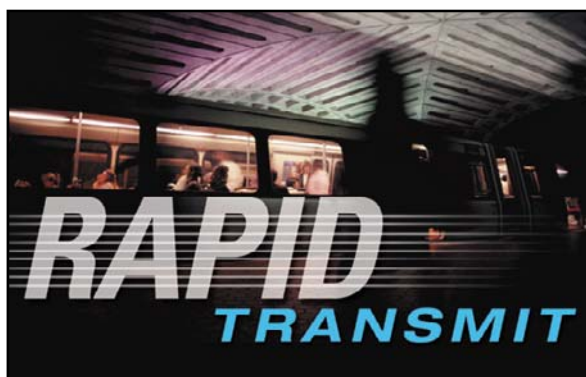
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If you missed the ballot in this past Sunday's Washington Post Magazine, you can still vote for the **RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON'S RAMMY** nominees at ramw.org. The public voting started May 21 and will wrap up on June 4. Among the nominees:

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Bangkok Blues: Carol Gaylor & Bruce Katsu, 8:30 p.m. \$6.

Birchmere: Raul Malo (of the Mavericks), 7:30 p.m., \$25.

Black Cat: Sini Anderson, Rose Polenzani, Angie Young, Junebullet, 9 p.m., \$10.

Blues Alley: Hilton Ruiz Group, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Crossroads: Steel Pulse, Bambu Station, 8 p.m. \$25.

DC9: Georgie James, Deleted Scenes, Bluestate DJs, 9 p.m., \$8.

Five: Latin party with DJs Chris, Manny Fresh & Ty-One, 10 p.m., \$5.

Iota: Naked Grace, Jason Doolan, 9 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Karl Riabko, Easily Amused, David McMillin, 8 p.m., \$12.

Kennedy Center: NSOvation "Quartet Under the Stars," 6:30 p.m., \$55.

Love: DJs William & Analyze, 9 p.m., \$20, free with pass from lovethelclub.com.

9:30 Club: The Walkmen, Mazarin & Nethers, 7:30 p.m., \$15.

Platinum: Reggae/Reggaeton, DJs Qic-Silver, Smokey Joe & José, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.

State Theater: Yellowman, The Sagittarius Band, Lionize 8:30 p.m., \$20.

Velvet Lounge: Flex Matthews (Tru School XL), 9 p.m., \$10.

Zanzibar: Showtime in the City (singers, comedians, spoken word poets and "clean" rappers), 5 p.m., free.

→ FRIDAY

Apex: Johnny Rizzo, VJs Mark A, Tony Velasco, 9 p.m., \$8.

Bangkok Blues: Gringo Starr, 7 p.m., Oxy-morons, 9 p.m. \$7.

Black Cat: The Whips, Citygoats, Direct From Hollywood Cemetery, 9:30 p.m. \$9.

Blues Alley: Hilton Ruiz Group, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Club Amazon: Rare Essence, 10 p.m., \$10, ladies free before 11 p.m.

Crossroads: Xtatik, Machel Montano, 8 p.m., \$30 before 11 p.m.

DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

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Iota: The Ike Reilly Assassination, Monopoli, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Paul and Storm, Jonathan Coulton, 7 p.m., \$12. Phil and Chris (of Lloyd Dobler Effect), Elizabeth Coyle, The Dreamscapes Project, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: Heirs, The Morning Of, 6 p.m., \$11.

Love: DJs Harry Hotter, Analyze, Armageddon, 9 p.m., \$20, free with pass from lovethelclub.com.

9:30 Club: Jack's House, What About

Frank, Stupid Hero, 9 p.m., \$5.

Patriot Center: RBD, 8:30 p.m., \$65-\$125.

Platinum: Hot 99.5's Chris Styles, 9 p.m., free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$10 before 11 p.m., \$15 after.

Smithsonian Jazz Cafe: Anthony Wilson Group, 6 p.m., \$10.

State Theatre: Donna The Buffalo, The Bridge, 9 p.m., \$19.

Twins Jazz: Al Maniscalco Quartet feat. Marcus Printup, 9 & 11 p.m., \$16.

Velvet Lounge: Root Deco, Quija Radio,

Supercade, 9 p.m., \$10.

→ SATURDAY

Apex: Liquid Ladies, DJ Randy White, 9 p.m., \$8.

Bangkok Blues: Hey Norton, 7:30 p.m., \$7.

Birchmere: Virginia Coalition, Julian Vernard, 7:30 p.m., \$19.50.

Black Cat: The Rosebuds, Bliss dance party w/ DJ Will Eastman, 9:30 p.m., \$9.

Rock and Roll dance party w/ DJs Dean, Joshua, 9:30 p.m., \$5 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Hilton Ruiz Group, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Club Amazon: The Lissen Band, 10 p.m., ladies free before 11 p.m., \$10 after.

Crossroads: Stone Love, DJs Super Slice, Zone I, Celo and Bobby's Music Machine, (reggae, hip-hop), 10 p.m., ladies free with pass from crossroadsclub.com, \$20 before 11 p.m., \$25 after.

DC9: Nouveau Riche, 9 p.m., \$5.

Five: Halo, Ken from East Coast Boogie-men, 9 p.m., \$10.

Galaxy Hut: RPM, 8 p.m., \$5.

H20: Gerald Levert, Soulfood Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$20.

Iota: Middle Distance Runner, Greenland, The Gaskets, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: John Jennings, 7 p.m., \$15. Welbilt, My Favorite Highway, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jaxx: Priest, Yoni, Southpaw, Mr. Mess, 7:30 p.m., \$11.

Kennedy Center: Christopher Linman, Jazz pianist and vocalist, 7:30 p.m., \$20.

Library of Congress: Bartok String Quartet, 2 p.m., free.

Love: Wet Seal Fashion Show, DJs William, Money, and Bomba (international, hip-hop), 9 p.m., \$20.

Platinum: DJ Gemini and guest DJs, (R&B, hip-hop and reggae), 9 p.m., free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.

Strathmore: Ebi, 8 p.m., \$55-\$80.

Twins Jazz: Al Maniscalco Quartet feat. Marcus Printup, 9 & 11 p.m., \$16.

U-Turn: Pessimist Parade, Usuario, Misanthro, Roy Shivers, 9 p.m., \$5.

Velvet Lounge: 23 Rainy Days, Maple, 9 p.m., \$10.

Zanzibar: Memorial Day Extravaganza, 8 p.m., free before 10 p.m., \$10 after.

→ SUNDAY

Bangkok Blues: Gringo Starr, 7:30 p.m., \$5.

Black Cat: DJ Dredd, Prince vs. Outkast dance party, 8:30 p.m., \$9.

Blues Alley: Hilton Ruiz Group, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Crossroads: Voicemail, 8 p.m., \$20 before 11 p.m., \$25 after.

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Apex: 415 22nd St. NW; 202-296-0505.

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Blues Alley: 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW;

202-337-4141.

Club Amazon: 1350I Baltimore Ave., Laurel, Md.; 301-210-3466.

Crossroads: 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; 301-927-1056.

DC9: 1940 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.

Five: 1214B 18th St. NW; 202-331-7123.

Galaxy Hut: 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-8646.

H20: 800 Water St. SW; 202-484-6300.

Iota Club & Café: 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.

Jammin' Java: 227 Maple Ave., East

Vienna; 703-255-1566.

Jaxx: 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; 703-569-5940.

Kennedy Center: 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324.

Library of Congress: 10 First St. SE; 202-707-5000

Love: 1350 Okie St. NE; 202-636-9030.

Nation: 1015 Half St. SE; 202-554-1500.

9:30 Club: 815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930.

Nissan Pavilion: 7800 Cellar Door Dr., Bristow, VA; 703-754-6400.

Platinum: 915 F St. NW; 202-393-3555.

Smithsonian Jazz Cafe: 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-7400.

State Theatre: 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 703-237-0300.

Strathmore: 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda; 301-581-5100.

U-Turn: 11 & U Streets NW; 202-299-9882.

Velvet Lounge: 915 U St. NW; 202-462-3213.

Warehouse Next Door: 1017 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933.

Zanzibar: 700 Water St. NW; 202-554-9100

TheScene**DC9:** Taint, 9 p.m., \$3.**Five:** Trade (alternative lifestyles), 9 p.m., \$10.**Galaxy Hut:** Timothy Bracken Complex, Mara Levi, 9:45 p.m., \$5.**Iota:** The Dan Sachs Band, The Outpatients, 8:30 p.m., \$10.**Jammin Java:** Michael Fath Group, 7 p.m., \$15.**Nissan Pavilion:** Bruce Springsteen, 7:30 p.m., \$25-\$93.**Platinum:** DJs Alize, Trini & Superslice-Muzik Nashun, free with pass from platinumclubdc.com, \$15 after 11 p.m.**State Theatre:** 1st Annual After the Run benefit concert, Ambush, Lost Highway Band, Linwood Taylor Band, James Manion & Group Therapy, 2:30 p.m., \$18.**Velvet Lounge:** Black Powder Fuzzbox, Ragweed, Short Long, Inspirit, 9 p.m., \$10.

RICHARD TERMINE

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➔ **WHEN YOU'RE THINKIN'** summer, you're thinkin' Shakespeare. At least, if you're cultured, you are (then again, if you're cultured, you're always thinkin' Shakespeare). Point is: Those philanthropic folks at the Shakespeare Theatre Company enable our al-fresco-show-going demands with free performances of selections from the best o' The Bard. This year, it's "Pericles," in which a prince must solve a riddle to win a princess but then there's this secret and he has to run away and then his ship sinks and ... oh, whatever, it's Shakespeare. It'll either kind of make sense or it totally won't. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS) *Carter Barron Amphitheatre, 16th St. & Colorado Ave. NW; Thurs.-June 4, 7:30 p.m., free; 202-334-4790.*

Sight**American Art Museum:** "Grant Wood's Studio: Birthplace of American Gothic," 160 works, including the highly recognizable painting, through June 11. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-1000.**Anne C. Fisher Gallery:** "Mother," a multi-faceted, multimedia exploration of motherhood, through June 9. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-625-7555.**Anne Loeb Bronfman Gallery:** "Different Nights: Interpretations of the Seder by Contemporary Artists," through June 18. 16th and Q streets NW; 202-518-9400.**LAST CHANCE Arise Gallery:** "The Dragon and the Phoenix: Chinese Influences on Japanese Kimono," through May 31. Mandarin Oriental, 1330 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-554-8588.**Arlington Arts Center:** "Love, Loss and Longing: The Impact of U.S. Travel Policy on Cuban-American Families," works of recently deceased photographer Nestor Hernandez, Jr., through June 3. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA; 703-248-6800.**Conner Contemporary:** Avish Khebrezhadeh's video animation depicts never-ending swimmers, and her paintings of the relationship between humans and animals pose questions as to the nature of man, through June 17. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.**Corcoran Gallery of Art:** David Seymour's rare color photos and his post-World War II images. A full-scale survey of Robert Bechtle's neo-realist paintings, both through June 4. "Contemporary (Re)defined," the museum's largest contemporary exhibit, through Aug. 13. 500

17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

Cultural Institute of Mexico: "Miguel Covarrubias, Genius of Mexico in the United States," Covarrubias was a muralist, anthropologist and an illustrator for top American publications and books. This exhibit features some of his most ground-breaking caricatures, through July 7. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.**Katzen Arts Center:** "Recent Acquisitions of the Watkins and Katzen Collections," through June 18. "Makoto Fujimura: Water Flames and Zero Summer," large-scale abstractions. "Made In Oakland by Jim Melchert," ceramic tile installations, both through Aug. 20. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-1300.**DAR Museum:** "Obsolete, Odd and Absolutely Ooky Stuff from the DAR Museum Vaults," through Sept. 2. 1176 D. St. NW; 202-879-3241.**DC Arts Center:** "Subdivisions," a collection of images exploring suburbia, opening reception Fri., 7 p.m., through June 25. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833.**LAST CHANCE District Arts Center:** Runway model turned artist Maria-Lana Queen used abstract paintings to help her cope with the tragic death of her brother, through May 26. 1726 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-328-9100.**Ellipse Arts Center:** "From the Junkyard to the Frontyard," artists use "trash" and "junk" to create art, through June 24. 4350 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington; 703-228-7710.**LAST CHANCE Flashpoint:** "Micro Monumental," a Washington Sculptors Group exhibit of miniature sculptures, through May 27. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310.**Fraser Gallery Bethesda:** "Compelled by Content II," glass sculptures that tell

stories push the genre beyond crafts and into the fine arts, through June 4. 7700 E. Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

LAST CHANCE Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "100 Years of the Book of Tea," through May 29. "Artists of Edo," 19th century paintings and prints by artists from Edo, through May 29. "History of History," photos of seascapes, dioramas, wax figures and other artifacts depict the rich history of Japan, through July 30. "Beyond Brush-

work: Symbolism in Chinese Painting," through Nov. 26. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880.

G Fine Art: "Mine," Jeff Spaulding explores the terrain of discarded urban metal, through June 17. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601.**Gallery 10:** "Works on Paper III, Celebration Venice," includes the work of over forty members of the Atelier Aperto graphics workshop, through June 17. 1519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-3326.**Gallery Plan B:** "Printmakers Group Exhibit," opening reception Thurs., 6 p.m., through July 9. 1530 14th St. NW; 202-234-2711.**Gateway/Heliport Gallery:** "Out of Your Frame," works by artists living with mental illness, including Ann Kipp and Elizabeth Henderson, through June 5. 8001 Kennett St., Suite 3, Silver Spring; 301-562-1400.**LAST CHANCE The Graham Collec-***Continued on page E22*

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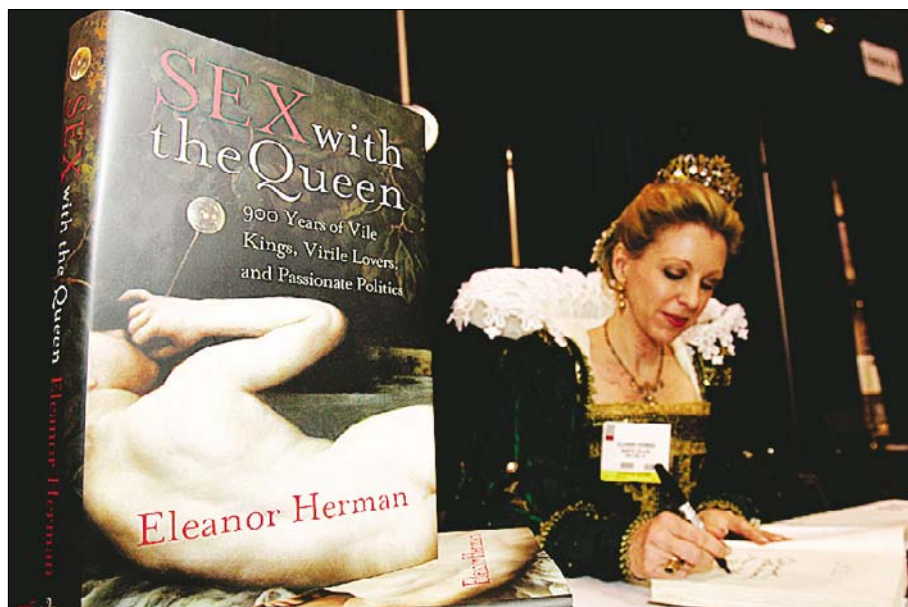
TheScene

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tion: Nicholas F. Shi's paintings combine traditional Latin American and Chinese styles, through May 28. 3518 I2 St. NE; 202-832-9292.

Greater Reston Arts Center: "Framed," J.T. Kirkland's work transforms wooden frames into the main attraction, as his countless hand-drilled holes create patterns that utilize the wood's natural markings, through June 16. 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston; 703-471-9242.

Hemphill: Steven Cushner's paintings and works on paper, through June 17. "Always Find a Way," John Watson's new installation, a cross between our childhood tree-



Riding With The Queen

➔ **EVER THINK ABOUT** what it'd be like if you were between the sheets with Queen Elizabeth? Who hasn't? The politics and scandals of royal rompin' sure are interesting. Need proof? Check the daily 190-pt. headlines on British tabloids. Friday, Eleanor Herman, who purports to be related to most of Europe's royal families, will read from "Sex With the Queen: 900 Years of Vile Kings, Virile Lovers and Passionate Politics." Find out what it's like to get intimate with Princess Diana, Catherine the Great or Marie Antoinette. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS) *Olsson's Books, Reagan National Airport Terminal C; Fri., 2 p.m., free; 703-417-1087. (Reagan National Airport)*

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house and today's beach homes on stilts, seems to be on the verge of toppling over, but don't worry, it's stable, through June 17. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

Hirshhorn Museum: Film clips show artist Oliver Herring bringing together diverse performers and utilizing everyday objects in performance art pieces, through July 2. "Directions," Jim Lambie uses vinyl tape to transform the museum's lobby into one giant, colorful painting, through Oct. 2. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000.

International Visions: Paintings by Ron Walton and Hamid Kachmar, through June 17. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

Irvine Contemporary: "Selections and Celebrations," highlights from the museum usher in the re-opening of the gallery at 1412 14th St. NW. "Summertime," Ju-Yeon Kim's paintings and works on paper are delicate and heavily influenced by her South Korean training, both through June 10. 1412 P St. NW; 202-332-8767.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Tarab: The Colors of Music," Arab artists offer their depiction of the Arabic term, which refers to the ecstasy and intensity of emotion one feels when experiencing music, through June 23. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958.

Library of Congress: "American Treasures," photos and artifacts of Pennsylvania Ave.'s Willard Hotel, the getaway spot of a remarkable number of important Americans, from presidents to literary giants, through June 17. 101 Independence Ave. SE; 202-707-5000.

LAST CHANCE Kathleen Ewing Gallery: "Frank DiPerna — In the Studio," through May 27. 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-328-0955.

Multiple Exposures: "The Many Moods

of White Sands," photographer Alan Sisen's work brings life to otherwise barren deserts. Grace Taylor's photos of her Tibetan travels, both through June 4. 105 N. Union Street #312, Alexandria; 703-638-2205.

LAST CHANCE National Archives:

"The Way We Worked," photos and artifacts honoring working Americans, through May 29. Constitution Ave. & 9th St. NW; 202-501-5000.

National Building Museum: "The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design," through June 3. "Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community," through July 4. "New Orleans — A Shared Space," six well-known Dutch and American architectural firms reveal their exciting designs for the rebuilding of New Orleans, through July 30. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: "Photographic Discoveries," 19th and early 20th century photographs by various artists show how the new medium developed into an art form, through July 30. "Across Media," Charles Sheeler's paintings, drawings, films and photos set the foundation for American modernism, through Aug. 27. "Master Drawings from the Woodner Collections," the museum's most prominent pieces from the private collection of Ian Woodner, including works by Da Vinci, Rembrandt, Degas and more, through Oct. 1. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

LAST CHANCE National Geographic Society: "Archipelago," photos of animal life in Hawaii, through May 29. The only known surviving pages of the Gospel of Judas, through July 9. "Castles and Crusades: A View in Miniature," two large model castles and a bazaar, with over

2,000 hand-painted figurines, provide a glimpse into the crusade-era, through Sept. 4. 17th & M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Library of Medicine: "Visible Proofs: Forensic Views of the Body," ongoing. 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-496-6308.

National Museum of African Art:

"BIG/small," diverse historical pieces show the importance of size and scale in African art, through July 9. "African Gold," from the Glassell Collection, through Nov. 26. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000.

LAST CHANCE National Museum

of American History: "¡Azucar! The Life and Music of Celia Cruz," chronicles the life of the Queen of Salsa with photos, costumes and more, through May 29. "Honky-Tonk," Henry Horenstein's photos of country musicians, through Sept. 5, other exhibitions ongoing. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Natural History:

"Frost: Life and Culture of the Sami people of Norway," through June 25. "Lewis and Clark: The National Bicentennial," artifacts and other rare objects depict the various cultural encounters the two explorers had during their journey through America, through Sept. 11. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue; 202-633-1000.

LAST CHANCE National Museum

of Women in the Arts: "Divine and Human: Women in Ancient Mexico and Peru," artifacts that reflect women's lives in Mesoamerica, through May 28. "Vistas and Visions," featuring landscape paintings from the museum's permanent collection, through July 9. Chakaia Booker uses car tires to create sculptures, through Sept. 4. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

National Postal Museum: "Rarity

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COLIN HOVDE

WAITING IS THE HARDEST PART: Theater Alliance's widely admired take on the drama "Two Rooms" closes this weekend. "Rooms" follows an American teacher taken hostage for three years in Beirut and the agony his wife undergoes while dealing with useless State Department officials and insensitive reporters, but, above all, awaiting his release.

TheScene

Revealed: The Benjamin K. Miller Collection, called "the Holy Grail of stamp collections," Miller's includes the "One-Cent Z Grill," the rarest of U.S. stamps, through Oct. 1, 2007. 2 Massachusetts Ave. SE; 202-633-5555.

LAST CHANCE Numark Gallery:

"Adam Ross — Recent Work," fragmented cityscapes as shiny as they are dystopic, through May 27. 625-27 E St. NW; 202-628-3810, numarkgallery.com.

THURSDAY ONLY The Old Town Theater:

"Postsecret and FOUND magazine: exhibit and book signing," May 25. 815 1/2 King St., Alexandria, VA; 703-683-8888, info@oldtheater.com.

LAST CHANCE Pass Gallery:

"Passtense," 60 artists display their work during this large 10th anniversary show, through May 30. 1617 South St. NW; 202-745-0796.

Phillips Collection:

"The Renoir Returns," the museum's well-known French impressionist pieces return, through July 30. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

LAST CHANCE Project 4:

"Small Gestures," oil and watercolor paintings by Terrie Pipa play with slight changes in proportions and layering, through May 27. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340,

project4gallery.com.

Pyramid Atlantic Art Center:

"Art from the Gulf: Reflections on Katrina," the work of dozens of Gulf Coast artists who explore the devastating impact the hurricane had on their communities and lives, through June 16. 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-608-9101.

Roxanne's ARTiques:

"Musical Leg-ends: An Artist's Perspective," Barry lan Bishop's black-and-white portraits of prominent African-American musicians, through June 11. 3426 9th St. NE; 202-526-7020.

Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, NVCC:

"Affinity," Amy Lin's work features 35,000 colored pencil dots — hand drawn with precision, through June 10. 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria; 703-845-6165.

Spectrum Gallery:

"New Works," Marie Straw's paintings and collages of figures and animals, through June 4. 1132 29th St. NW; 202-333-0954.

LAST CHANCE Strathmore:

Potomac Valley Watercolorist Juried Exhibition, through May 31. "Common Bond X," the works of 35 significant regional African-American artists, through July 15. 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 703-845-6229.

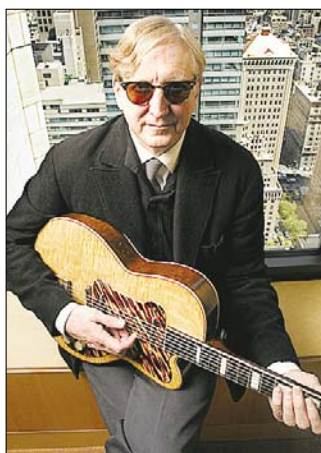
Textile Museum:

"Seldom Seen: Director's Choice From the Museum's Collections," through July 30. "Harpies, Mermaids and Tulips: Embroidery from Greek

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Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda; Sun.-July 15; 301-581-5200. (Grosvenor-Strathmore)

TheScene

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Islands and the Epirus Region," through Sept. 3. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.
LAST CHANCE Torpedo Factory: "Not to Scale," a variety of works that explore the relationship between size and interpretation, through May 28. "Fired Up," Ceramic guild members depict the various ways they fire their pots. "The Many Moons of White Sands," photographs by Alan Sislen. "Beading Frenzy," Averill B. Shepps mini-show. "All-Media Membership Show: Black & White" members interpret the theme both literally and figuratively, all through June 4. "Mutual Inspirations," Carolyn Witschonke's etchings and encaustic paintings, through June 30. 105 North Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.
Touchstone Gallery: "Interiors/Exteriors," Steve Alderton divides his paintings into confined still-lives and expressionistic landscapes. "Artistic Reflections," the Independent Art-

ists Forum presents works by artists with diverse nationalities and artistic styles, both through June 4. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787.

LAST CHANCE U.S. Botanic Garden: "The Birth of Coffee," photos chronicle the life cycle of coffee from the seed to the cup, through May 29. "The Wilkes Expedition: Exploring our Roots," through June 4. "Crime-Solving Plants," demonstrates how plant scientists have cracked tough cases, through July 15. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333.

Washington D.C. Convention Center: "Washington 2006 World Philatelic Expo," stamp auction, through June 3. 801 Mount Vernon Place NW; 202-249-3000.

LAST CHANCE Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Resonance," Nina Muys' refreshing monoprints of lakes, rivers, sunsets and more, through May 28. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Washington Works on Paper: "Padre e Figli," Daniel Shay's papyrus and paper drawings and Ginevra Shay's photos, through June 3. 3420 9th St. NE; 202-

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FUSION: Raul Malo is famous for being the lead singer and primary songwriter of the Grammy-winning country group the Mavericks. The Mavs gradually left country fans behind, though, as they explored Latin music, jazz and rock. The charismatic Malo, whose voice has often been compared to Roy Orbison's, performs at the Birchmere on Thursday.

TheScene

526-4848.

Zenith Gallery: "Ellipsis," paintings and abstract sculptures by Anne Marchand and Alan Binstock, through June 4. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963.

Stage

Alice in Wonderland: Spooky Action Theater's tale on Lewis Carroll's classic "children's" tale, through June 4. Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; 202-248-0647, spookyaction.org.

LAST CHANCE Becoming George: MetroStage's premiere of this musical about writer George Sand coping with the government and a protégé, through May 28, \$35-\$40. 1201 North Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044.

THIS WEEK ONLY Black Diamond: Satchel Paige and the Negro Leagues: A retelling of the life of America's other Major League, ages 4-II, May 23-26, \$4-\$6. Discovery Theater, Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW; 202-357-1500, discoverytheater.org.

A Body of Water: A young woman visits a middle-aged couple — whose home is suddenly surrounded by water — and turns their world upside-down, through

June 4, \$30-\$40. Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda; 240-644-1100, roundhousetheatre.org.

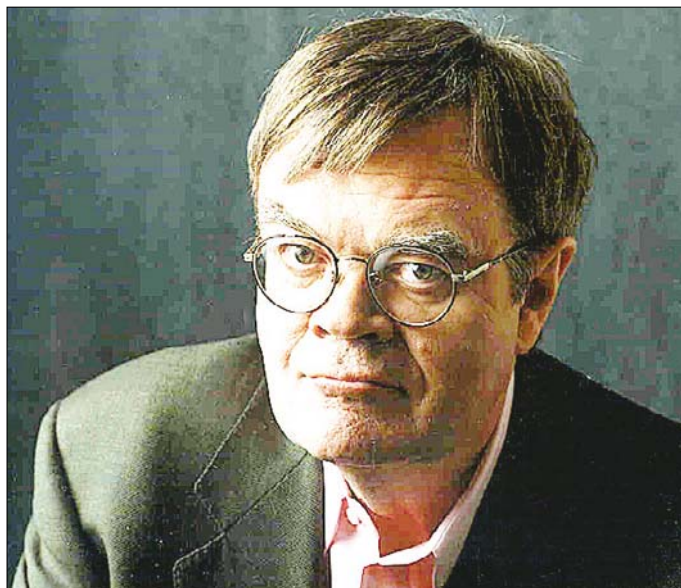
Caroline, or Change: A rare musical from Tony Kushner, this drama is about race relations, family and the American urge for re-invention, through June 25, \$47-\$62. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE La Clemenza di Tito:

In celebration of Mozart's 250th birthday, Washington National Opera presents his dramatic tale of a Roman woman who plots the assassination of the emperor, through May 27, \$45-\$290. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

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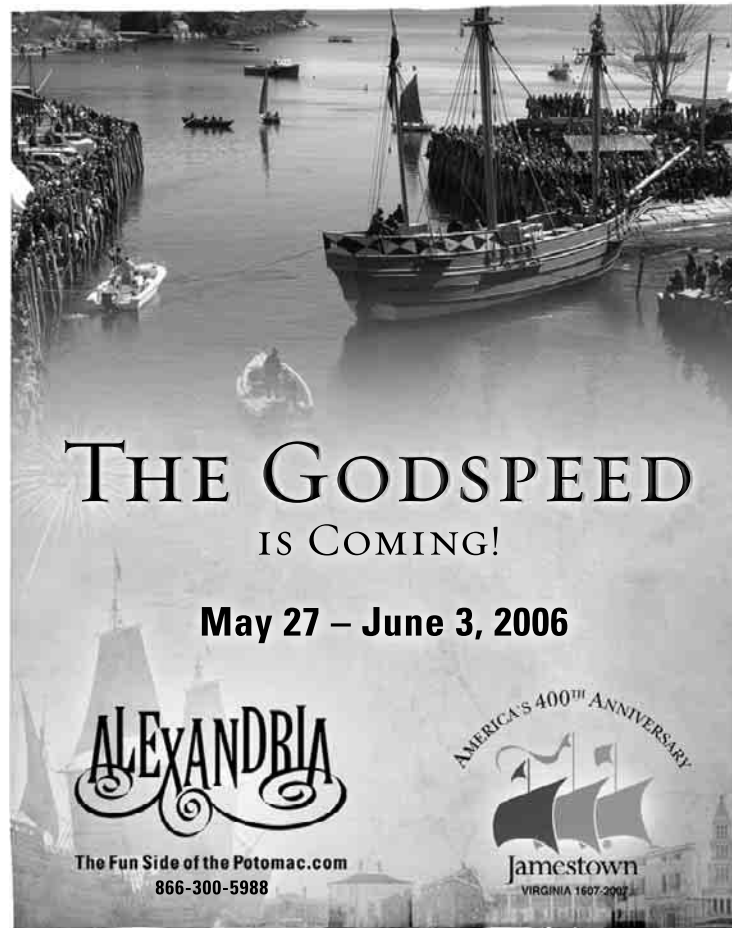
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Crime and Punishment: The Stanislavsky Theater Studio's original production based on the Dostoyevsky novel, through June 18, \$15-\$25. Montgomery College, Black Box Theater, Chicago & Philadelphia avenues, Takoma Park; 800-494-8497, sts-online.org.

The Elephant Man: Based largely on a true story, Bernard Pomerance chronicles the life of John Merrick, a deformed man who is plucked from a London freak show and becomes a player in high society, through June 18, \$34-\$44. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, MD; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

Frozen: Set in contemporary Britain, the lives of a grieving mother, a hard-edged convict and an American academic are woven together, exploring the nature of forgiveness and the possibility of hope, through June 4, \$25. The Studio Theatre Secondstage in the Milton The-

atre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

Guachos (Descasados)/Wanderers (Orphans): Desertion and orphanhood unite two people in this Argentinian play that fuses fantasy with reality, Spanish w/ English subtitles, through June 17, \$15-\$25. Gunston Art Center, 2700 S. Lang Street, Arlington, VA; 202-882-6227, teatrodelaaluna.org.

The Hundred Dresses: Based on the book by Eleanor Estes, this play follows children during the Great Depression as they find delight in comics and torment at the hands of school-yard bullies, through June 11, \$15-\$10. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

L'Italiana in Algeri: In this humorous opera starring Olga Borodina and Juan Diego Florez, a beautiful woman is left looking for her missing fiancé after she is shipwrecked near Algeria, through June 3, \$45-\$290. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

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HOMEGROWN: Roxanne Carter (of Roxanne's ARTiques) discovered Barry Bishop's work in his parents' NE restaurant. ARTiques is currently showing his prints of musicians such as Marvin Gaye and Duke Ellington, above.

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sings her signature pieces and recounts anecdotes from her life, through June 4, \$50-\$69. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-554-9066, arenastage.org.

The Monument: A doomed soldier is forced to make a horrible choice in this twisted morality play about responsibility and redemption, through June 4, \$26. 1365 H St. NE; 800-494-8497, theatrealliance.com.

On the Verge, or the Geography of Yearning: A comedy about three sisters who set off from 1888 and end up finding "artifacts" of the future's pop culture and politics, through June 11, \$49-\$68. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-554-9066, arenastage.org.

Pericles: Shakespeare Theater Company Free For All presents this Shakespeare play about a prince who falls in love with a princess, conceives a child and is then separated from his family after a storm at sea, through June 4, free when you get tickets at Shakespeare Theatre Company, Carter Barron Amphitheatre, or The Washington Post. Carter Barron Amphitheatre, 16th & Colorado Ave. NW; 202-426-0486, nps.gov/rocr/cbarron/

Someone Who'll Watch Over Me: This play follows men from Ireland, England and America as they cope with captivity in a Beirut prison cell, through June 10, \$10. Capitol Hills Arts Workshop, 545 7th St. SE; 202-494-3776, catalysttheater.org.

THURSDAY ONLY The Soul of a Man: The first performance of the Afro Zen Amazon series, spoken word and musical performances, May 25, \$5. Bohemian Caverns, 11th & U St. NW; 301.422.4624, info@lilsoso.com.

LAST CHANCE Two Rooms: A history professor is held captive in a Beirut cell, as his wife in America struggles, through May 28, \$26, part of the Pangea Project. Theater Alliance, 1365 H St. NE; 202-396-0050, theatrealliance.com. **Wonders Never Cease:** This new comedy follows the triumphs and struggles of a local comedian turned magician turned mentalist, complete with sea monkeys, X-ray goggles and all the other comic-book novelities you always wished would work, through June 4, \$20-\$25. National Conservatory of Dramatic Arts, 1556 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-7009, chartertheatre.org.

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